

OFFICE OF THE SOLANO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Series 6000 – INSTRUCTION

Policy 6161.3

Toxic Art Supplies

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) recognizes its responsibility to protect the health and safety of students in the selection of materials used for instruction in arts and crafts activities.

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the purchase, use, and proper disposal of arts and crafts materials which ensure that the health and safety of students is protected from harmful exposure to toxic substances in accordance with Education Code 32064 and established health standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that arts and crafts material purchased for use by students in grades K-6 will not contain toxic substances or cause chronic illness as determined by the State Department of Health Services.

Students in grades 7-12 are considered able to read and understand product labels and to take adequate precautions to use products which are prohibited for use in grades K-6. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that arts and crafts materials purchased for use in grades 7-12 meet the requirements of Education Code 32065. The products must be properly labeled to identify toxic ingredients, warn of potential adverse health effects, and describe procedures for safe use and storage.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 32060 Legislative findings and declarations
- 32061 Art or craft material; definition
- 32062 Human carcinogen; definition
- 32063 Toxic substance causing chronic illness; definition
- 32064 Restrictions on purchases of arts and crafts materials
- 32065 Warning labels
- 32066 List of toxic art supplies; preparation and distribution

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 108500-108515 Labeling of arts and crafts materials

PENAL CODE

- 594.1 Aerosol containers of paint

Policy Cross-Reference:

- 3514 Environmental Safety
- 3514.1 Hazardous Substances
- 5142 Safety