

Green Cleaning

GREEN CLEANING PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS (CT PUBLIC ACT 09-81)

The State of Connecticut requires that each local and regional board of education implement a green cleaning program for all school buildings and facilities in its district.

Hamden Public Schools is committed to the implementation of this law by providing the staff and, upon request, the parents and guardians of each child enrolled in each school with a written statement of the school district's green cleaning program as well as making it available on its website annually. This program will also be distributed to new staff hired during the school year and to parents or guardians of students transferring in during the school year.

1. Green cleaning program means the procurement and proper use of environmentally preferable cleaning products as defined by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for all state owned buildings, schools and facilities. DAS currently requires that environmentally preferable cleaning products be independently certified by one of two third party certified organizations: **Green Seal or Eco Logo**.
2. By July 1, 2011 and thereafter, no person shall use a cleaning product in a public school unless it meets the DAS standard.
3. The types of cleaning products covered in this legislation include: general purpose bathroom and glass cleaners, floor strippers and finishes and hand cleaners and soaps. The preferred green cleaning products used by this school district are listed on attachment "A."
4. Disinfectants, disinfectant cleaners, sanitizers or antimicrobial products regulated by the federal insecticide, fungicide and rodenticide act are not covered by this law.

The following statement will be part of this school districts program as stated in the new law:

"NO PARENT, GUARDIAN, TEACHER OR STAFF MEMBER MAY BRING INTO THE SCHOOL FACILITY ANY CONSUMER PRODUCT WHICH IS INTENDED TO CLEAN, DEODORIZE, SANITIZE OR DISINFECT."

The implementation of this program requires the support and cooperation of everyone, including administrators, faculty, staff, parents, guardians and facilities staff.

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