

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Hazards  
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### **1.0 Policy**

Principals, building administrators, custodians, engineering staff and other staff are required to implement, cooperate with and follow directions of DPS Environmental Health and Safety staff investigating complaints which include but not limited to indoor air quality, water quality and potentially hazardous substances including suspected mold, mercury and friable asbestos-containing materials.

The Executive Director of Environmental Health and Safety or designee in consultation with the building administrator is authorized to direct the immediate evacuation and/or relocation of all or part of any DPS facility upon determination that there is an immediate health hazard to the students and staff.

Environmental Health and Safety staff are required to abate or engage licensed contractors to abate substances determined to be hazardous to students and staff.

Staff shall avoid direct contact with suspicious substances. DPS administrators shall not direct staff to clean up potentially hazardous substances unless and until DPS Environmental Health and Safety staff or City of Detroit Hazardous Materials Response Teams have determined that performing clean up is safe.

In case of evacuation or relocation, no portion of a building or any classroom shall be re-occupied until a clearance is received from the Chief of Facilities Management & Auxiliary Services or designee.

### **1.1 Issuance of Regulations/Standard Operating Procedures**

The Executive Director of Environmental Health and Safety with the approval of the Chief of Facilities Management & Auxiliary Services is authorized to develop regulations and/or standard operating procedures to implement this policy.

### **1.2 Failure to Comply**

Failure to comply with this policy or corresponding regulations/standard operating procedures may result in a recommendation to the General Superintendent for appropriate disciplinary action.

**Attachments to Policy:** None

**See also:**

**Legal References:**

**Labor Contract References:** None