



### **3.30.084-AD Elimination of Mercury**

ORS326.051(1)(g) requires the establishment of a mercury elimination program.

#### **I. Purpose**

The Purpose of this administrative directive is to:

- (1) Provide direction to those responsible for implementation of the mercury elimination program
- (2) Ensure the program's compliance with state and federal law.
- (3) Provide a link between 3.30.082-P and the procedures for eliminating mercury from classrooms and school buildings.

#### **II. Definitions**

For purposes of this directive and all practices that carry out the provisions of this directive, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Elemental mercury" means the silvery-white liquid metal with atomic number of 80 and an atomic mass of 200.57 represented by chemical symbol Hg.
- (2) "Mercury compound" means a substance consisting mercury chemically combined with another element or combinations of elements, e.g. mercury oxide (HgO).
- (3) "Elemental mercury" means the silvery-white liquid metal with atomic number of 80 and an atomic mass of 200.57 represented by chemical symbol Hg.

#### **III. Mercury Elimination Program**

- (1) To remove the chance of exposure to mercury, the District shall:
  - (a) Prohibit the purchase of elemental mercury, mercury compounds and mercury-added instructional materials;
  - (b) Eliminate all elemental mercury and mercury compounds that are maintained for education purposes, including but not limited to, liquid mercury and samples of mercury compounds contained in science classes;
  - (c) Eliminate the use of mercury-added instructional materials; and

- (d) Eliminate the use of items and products containing elemental mercury or mercury compounds, as those items and products are replaced at the end of their normal useful lives with cost-effective mercury-free alternatives.
- (2) As instructional materials, items and products containing elemental mercury and mercury compounds are replaced; the District shall work with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality in the proper disposal of materials, items and products.
- (3) In compliance with Board Policy 3.30.082, the District shall recycle mercury and mercury-containing products where feasible.

Policy Implemented: 3.30.082-P Environmentally Sustainable Business Practices

History:

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<b>Approved:</b>	
 _____ Superintendent	<u>5-26-2004</u> Date