

GREEN CLEANERS POLICY

Policy Statement

Boston Public Schools is deeply committed to maintaining a healthy, safe and clean learning and work environment for all Boston Public Schools students, parents and staff and all other visitors. By developing and implementing a comprehensive Green Cleaners Policy that adheres to the same principles and philosophy as the City of Boston's Green Building Initiative, Boston Public Schools will provide and use more environmentally friendly effective cleaning products which will greatly help those with asthma and allergies.

Implementation Plan

To implement a comprehensive Green Cleaners Policy Boston Public Schools promises to do the following:

- Purchase and provide only "green" or environmentally friendly cleaning products. Vendors must provide proof that their products meet the criteria for Green Seal Approved GS37. These products are tested and certified by Green Seal and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs' Environmentally Preferable Products Procurement Program (EPP). These products will include but not be limited the following cleaning compounds: glass cleaners, neutral cleaners and general purpose cleaners.
- Schedule floor stripping and waxing to non-occupied hours.
- Burnish floor surface where applicable to reduce the use of potentially irritating cleaning and stripping compounds.
- Phase out use of current cleaning supplies and use only Green Seal approved products (GS37).
- Install automatic mixing systems to ensure proper use (i.e. usage at appropriate strength) of cleaning compounds.
- Prohibit the purchasing of non-approved cleaners outside of the Boston Public Schools purchasing and supplies contract.
- Prohibit the use of non-approved cleaning compounds (mainly desk top cleaner) by non-custodial Boston Public School staff (teachers' teachers' assistants, etc.) School custodians will provide upon request to teachers and other BPS site staff, pre-labeled spray bottles of previously mixed cleaning compounds (desktop and glass cleaners) that meet the GS37 criteria.

- Train and update Boston Public Schools custodial staff on the Green Cleaners Policy including but not limited to hazard communications (Right to Know law, MSDS, etc.), worker safety and personal protective equipment use, safe and proper product and equipment use, etc.
- Restrict the use of disinfectants to cleaning potential food contact surfaces, and clean-up of sewage and bodily waste, etc. All disinfectants must be a EPA Registered disinfectant. The disinfectant should have a HMIS rating of 2 or less. Provide only premixed disinfectants to ensure proper use of product

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