

7200: HEALTH AND SAFETY (AP)

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POLICY

The Board intends that classes shall be conducted in facilities that are clean and where temperature, ventilation, lighting, humidity, sound level and other physical conditioning are hygienic, safe and conducive to effective teaching.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

1.1 Temperature

1.1.1 Classroom temperature shall be maintained above 19 C and below 25 C

1.2 Drinking Water

1.2.1 Potable water shall be available for drinking and washing purposes.

1.3 Washrooms

1.3.1 Washrooms for each sex must be functional, sanitary, and within reasonable access.

1.3.2 Adequate supplies of soap, toweling and tissues shall be maintained.

1.4 Waste

1.4.1 Waste receptacles shall be provided in each classroom area and in the major outdoor areas.

1.4.2 Waste shall not be allowed to accumulate in such a way as to cause unsanitary conditions.

1.5 Lighting

1.5.1 All classrooms, halls and exits must be adequately lighted.

1.6 Lunchrooms/Cafeterias

1.6.1 Rooms designated as lunchrooms and/or cafeterias must be maintained in a sanitary condition.

1.7 General

1.7.1 Dust and fume levels shall be at a level in accordance with WorkSafe BC standards and there is no prolonged discomfort for students and staff.

1.7.2 Combustible materials shall be kept in containers and areas designated for such storage.

1.7.3 Fire exits shall not be blocked in any way.

2.0 PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN STANDARDS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE COMPROMISED:

2.1 The teacher in charge of the teaching area shall report the problems to an administrative officer.

2.2 The administrative officer shall

2.2.1 assess the situation

2.2.2 attempt to rectify the problem

2.2.3 failing to do so, shall report the matter to the Facilities Department.

2.3 The Facilities Department shall jointly assess the situation with the administrative officer in charge, attempt to rectify the situation and failing to do so, shall report the matter to the Superintendent of Schools

2.4 The Superintendent of Schools or designate and the administrative officer shall determine whether the classroom or facility shall be closed until the problem is remedied, including the relocation and/or dismissal of the classes affected.