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**WAC 246-366A-065 General operation and maintenance requirements.**

School officials shall:

- (1) Keep school facilities clean and in good condition.
- (2) Mitigate any environmental health and safety hazards.
- (3) Control conditions that attract, shelter, and promote the propagation of insects, rodents, bats, birds, and other pests of public health significance. This subsection does not mandate the routine installation of window screens nor does it prohibit the proper operation of retention ponds or rain gardens.
- (4) Label, use, store and dispose of hazardous materials to:
  - (a) Prevent health and safety hazards;
  - (b) Keep incompatible substances apart from each other;
  - (c) Prevent unauthorized access and use; and
  - (d) Follow procedures according to material safety data sheet instructions.
- (5) Select supplies and methods of use that reduce exposure to hazardous materials.
- (6) Allow only those hazardous materials in schools that they have approved for use. Types of commercial products that might contain hazardous materials include, but are not limited to, cleaners, sanitizers, maintenance supplies, pesticides, herbicides, and instruction-related supplies.
- (7) Safely store play equipment, instructional equipment, and outdoor clothing where reasonably accessible.
- (8) Use products that comply with American National Standards Institute/National Sanitation Foundation (ANSI/NSF) Standard 61 (2007) to coat, line, seal, or patch drinking water contact surfaces, if the interior of water piping or plumbing fixtures is coated or lined.
- (9) Immediately clean and sanitize the contaminated area and prevent human exposure when sewage backups occur.
- (10) Notify the local health officer when sewage backups:
  - (a) Result from failure of an on-site sewage system serving the school facility;
  - (b) Impact student use areas outside restrooms; or
  - (c) Occur in a food preparation, food storage, or food service area.
- (11) Allow upholstered furniture, such as couches and overstuffed chairs, in school facilities only if the furniture has been purchased or approved by school officials.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050. WSR 10-01-174, 10-12-018, 11-10-080, 13-09-040, 15-09-070, 17-14-055, 19-14-107, 21-14-056, 22-14-021, and 23-16-005, § 246-366A-065, filed 12/22/09, 5/21/10, 5/3/11, 4/11/13, 4/15/15, 6/28/17, 7/2/19, 7/1/21, 6/24/22, and 7/19/23, effective 8/1/24.]