

<b>FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	<b>Reg. No. 200-04</b>
<b>Subject: GREEN PRODUCT CLEANING SUPPLIES</b>	<b>Issued: 7/26/16</b>
<b>Preparing Office: Office of the Superintendent</b>	<b>Amended:</b>

I. Policy 204

II. Procedures

A. Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) practices “green cleaning” to make its custodial operations as safe and environmentally friendly as possible. Green cleaning improves indoor air quality, decreased building-related illnesses and reduces liability for the school system. To adhere to green cleaning tenets, the school system:

- Avoids use of cleaning chemicals and techniques that can pose a health concern for building occupants.
- Trains custodial staff on the proper use of chemicals and equipment, procures only those cleaning chemicals that include environmentally-friendly ingredients.
- Strives to procure cleaning products that are manufactured, packaged and distributed in an environmentally-friendly manner.
- Procures cleaning chemicals, paper products and equipment certified as environmentally-preferable by independent organizations such as Green Seal, Environmental Choice and the Carpet and Rug Institute. FCPS is a member of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

B. Procurement of Green Product Cleaning Supplies

“Green product cleaning supplies” means environmentally-preferable cleaning and cleaning maintenance products and supplies intended for routine cleaning and cleaning maintenance that perform well and that have positive health and environmental attributes, including:

1. Biodegradability;
2. Low toxicity;
3. Low volatile organic compound content;
4. Reduced packing;
5. Low life cycle energy use; and
6. Lesser or reduced effects on human health and the environment when compared to competing products that serve the same purpose.

Green product cleaning supplies includes:

1. General purpose cleaners;
2. Bathroom cleaners;
3. Carpet cleaners;
4. Glass cleaners;
5. Floor cleaners, floor finishes and floor strippers;
6. Wall cleaners;

7. Desk cleaners;
8. Surface cleaners;
9. Window cleaners;
10. Whiteboard cleaners; and
11. Soap

Green product cleaning supplies does not include:

1. Room deodorizers;
2. Air fresheners;
3. Toilet deodorizers; or
4. Hand cleaners

C. Training

The Custodial Services Manager will establish procedures for training custodial staff on the proper storage, application and frequency of use and disposal of cleaning supplies.

D. Purchasing

The Purchasing Manager will establish specifications for green product cleaning supplies to be procured in accordance with the Education Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

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