

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

All schools should establish and maintain an environment free from toxins, pollutants, and hazardous materials.

AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCE:

16 V.S.A. § 3448 (2016) -- Approval and funding of school construction projects; renewable energy: <http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/16/123>

18 V.S.A. § 1781 (2016), Cleaning Products in Schools --
<http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/18/039>

Vermont Act 125 of 2000 -Indoor Air Quality <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2000/acts/act125.htm>

State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practice, Section 6131
<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/board/rules.html>

Vermont Agency of Education – VT Standards Board for Professional Educators 5440-65/65A School Nurse/
Associate School Nurse (April 12, 2017) <http://education.vermont.gov/documents/educator-quality-licensing-rules#page34> pg. 132- 137

SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLE:

Collaborate with administrators, maintenance personnel, health educators and classroom teachers, to:

- Determine if environmental health problems or potential problems exist in the school and/or community; assist with school health management plan.
- Establish a plan of action to mitigate or eliminate, to extent possible, any existing environmental health problems;
- Create a method to manage environmentally-related health questions, concerns, complaints and incidents as they occur.
- Encourage discussion with school health action committees; and promote environmental health awareness through dissemination of resources.

RESOURCES:

Environmental Protection Agency Indoor Environment Division. <http://www.epa.gov/iaq>;

- Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools: Action Kit - <https://www.epa.gov/iaq-schools/indoor-air-quality-tools-schools-action-kit>
- Healthy Schools, Healthy Kids Resources - <https://www.epa.gov/schools>
Testing for Lead in Drinking Water –
<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/testing-schools-and-child-care-centers-lead-drinking-water>

National Association of School Nurses:

- Position Statement: Environmental Health in the School Setting: The Role of the School Nurse -
<https://schoolnursenet.nasn.org/blogs/nasn-profile/2017/03/13/environmental-health-in-the-school-setting-the-role-of-the-school-nurse>

Vermont Agency of Education:

- Vermont's Universal Recycling Law: <http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/universal-recycling>

Vermont Department of Health:

- Air Quality and School Renovation http://healthvermont.gov/enviro/indoor_air/school_renovate.aspx
- Envision Program - <http://healthvermont.gov/enviro/envision.aspx>
- Act 125 of 2000 -Indoor Air Quality <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2000/acts/act125.htm>
- Green Cleaning for families and school nurses: Healthy Homes -- <http://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/home>