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## Latex Safe Policy

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to reduce the risk of latex products in the school to those that have latex allergy or sensitivity.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school district recognizes its role in the health and safety of students and staff. The goals of this policy are to reduce the latex in the schools, and to identify the latex that remains so that those that are allergic or sensitive can avoid it.

### **III. REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Parent/guardian shall inform the school of latex allergy or sensitivity on registration.
- B. Staff will be informed of students who are latex sensitive.
- C. Signs will be posted on entrances indicating that no known latex items may be brought into the buildings.
- D. To prevent latex from becoming airborne -- latex products such as gloves and balloons will immediately be banned from the school, at school functions, and on school transportation.
- E. Latex items in the building will be identified and staff will be notified of existing latex items that cannot be removed.
- F. All classroom latex supplies will be replaced with non-latex supplies, if available.
- G. As existing equipment is replaced, non-latex equipment will be purchased, if available.
- H. All latex health materials will be replaced with non-latex materials.
  - If non-latex materials are not available, skin contact precautions will be utilized with anyone who has a latex allergy or sensitivity.
- I. The community will be notified of the Latex Safe Policy.
- J. Emergency procedures will be written for those with known latex sensitivity.