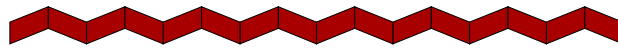




MOLD AND MILDEW PREVENTION



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Airborne spores, nutrients, and moisture combine to cause mold and mildew. Spores are always present in outdoor and indoor air. Dust, dirt, and commonly used construction materials and furnishings can provide nutrients to support growth. Take the following steps to prevent and control mold and mildew growth.

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

- ✓ Reduce the presence of spores and nutrients by following good housekeeping procedures.
- ✓ Avoid adding excess moisture to the building interior during cleaning activities. Never use a hose inside the building to flood floors or to wash tables and chairs.
- ✓ Do not overset carpeting. When cleaning carpets, use only the hot water extraction method. Use fans to dry carpets quickly.
- ✓ Do not leave carpeting and other surfaces wet. Leave open any room that contains moist surfaces to avoid mold and mildew problems.
- ✓ Clean spots of mold or mildew by using a 1-to-10 bleach-to-water solution or a surface disinfectant such as Lysol.

PRINCIPALS AND PROGRAM MANAGERS

- ✓ Keep temperature not lower than 78 degrees in occupied areas during air conditioning season.
- ✓ Keep rooms open during summer vacation.
- ✓ Assign someone to walk the school every day to check walls, ceilings, and furniture for the presence of any mold or mildew growth.
- ✓ Note musty odors and signs of moisture.
- ✓ Limit excessive moisture. Report heavy surface condensation, pipe leaks, or roof leaks to Facilities Management at 703-764-2415.
- ✓ Change damaged ceiling tiles. Place online work orders to obtain tiles or to have special tiles replaced by Facilities Management.

For more information, visit our web site, www.fcps.edu/fts/safety-security/factsheets/seh-1.pdf

If you need assistance, call the safety section at 703-658-3770.

For energy management, call 703-764-2501.

For ventilation problems, call 703-764-2415.

For cleaning problems, call your cluster monitor or 703-503-2503.