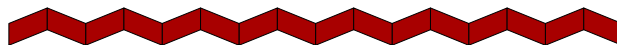




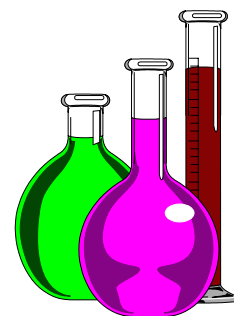
# CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL SAFETY



## Safety & Security Fact Sheet

### ✓ WHAT IS A CHEMICAL PRODUCT?

Chemical products include inks, toners, and dyes; paints and thinners; adhesives and lubricants; disinfectants and cleaners; fertilizers and pesticides...virtually any product that results in the exposure of the user to a potential hazard through contact, ingestion, or inhalation.



### ✓ DOES THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS OR CHEMICAL PRODUCTS REQUIRE SPECIAL PROCEDURES?

The purchase of chemicals or chemical products requires the prior approval of the Office of Safety and Security (OSS). Materials ordered from the Instructional and Custodial Supplies Catalog are exempt from this requirement. The intent of this requirement is to prevent unacceptable health risks from entering the school buildings.

### ✓ DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE USE OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS IN FCPS IS PROHIBITED?

Yes it does. Products that contain cancer-causing ingredients, are potentially explosive, or severely toxic are prohibited. Safer alternatives are often identified by OSS during the review process.

### ✓ WHERE CAN I FIND HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHEMICAL PRODUCTS I HANDLE?

The manufacturer is required to provide health and safety information on the label. You should read the label carefully and follow directions exactly. Very often the manufacturer will describe safety precautions and recommend personal protective equipment such as gloves or goggles. More detail is available on the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) prepared by the manufacturer. The MSDS can be obtained by contacting the manufacturer or from the OSS. **NO FCPS EMPLOYEE MAY USE A CHEMICAL PRODUCT WITHOUT FIRST READING THE LABEL AND REVIEWING THE MSDS.**

### ✓ WHAT ABOUT ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF PAINTS, PRINTING MATERIALS, AND SHOP SUPPLIES?

FCPS Regulation 7485 (most recent version) states that no one is permitted to accept chemical gifts from individuals, government agencies, military installations, corporations, companies, or other sources without written authorization from the OSS. The unauthorized acceptance of gifts has led to dangerous conditions in school buildings and expensive disposal problems.

If you need assistance, call the safety section at 571-423-2010.