

**CHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

CHAPTER 600. MISCELLANEOUS STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS.

§601. ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL HEALTH.

601.1. GENERAL POLICY. The provisions of this Section shall apply equally to all public, private and parochial schools conducting educational programs, in any municipality under the jurisdiction of the Chester County Health Department.

601.2. DEFINITIONS. The following words and terms, when used in this Section, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

601.2.1. "Garbage": All putrescible wastes (except sewage and body waste); including but not limited to animal and vegetable offal.

601.2.2 "Refuse": All nonputrescible wastes generally regarded and classified as rubbish, trash, junk, and similar designations which have been rejected by the owner or possessor as useless or worthless to him.

601.2.3. "Schools": School buildings, including grounds, where there are training facilities for teaching children, or offering instruction in any branch of knowledge, including public, private, parochial, charitable, vocational, or any other institution intended for teaching from kindergarten to twelfth grade, on a classroom or organized basis.

601.2.4. "Sewage": Any substance which contains any of the waste products or excrements or other discharges from the bodies of human beings or animals, and any noxious or deleterious substances which are harmful or inimical: to the public health; to animal or aquatic life; or to the use of water for domestic water supply or for recreation.

601.2.5. "Sewage Facilities": A system of sewage collection, conveyance, treatment and disposal that will prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated sewage or other wastes onto the surface of the ground or into the Waters of this Commonwealth, and otherwise provide for the safe and sanitary treatment and disposal of sewage or other wastes.

601.2.6. "Source": Any well, spring, cistern, infiltration gallery, stream, reservoir, pond, or lake from which, by any means, water is taken, either intermittently or continuously, for use by the public.

601.2.7. "Waters of this Commonwealth": All rivers, streams, creeks, rivulets, lakes, dammed water, ponds, springs, and all other bodies of surface and underground water, or parts thereof, whether natural or artificial, within or on the boundaries of the Commonwealth.

601.2.8. "Water Supply": A source or sources of water, as well as any and all water treatment, storage, transmission, and distribution facilities.

601.3. INSPECTIONS.

601.3.1. Subject to the limitations of the Constitutions of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a representative of the Department, upon showing proper identification of office, may enter and inspect any school at all reasonable times, and, in emergency, at any time.

601.3.2. A Certificate of Inspection will be issued to all schools located within the jurisdiction of the Department upon compliance with these Rules and Regulations.

601.3.3. When it is determined by the Department, after inspection, that any school is not operated and/or maintained in compliance with these Rules and Regulations, the Department shall have the power to, without prior notice, issue emergency order(s).

601.3.4. When emergency order(s) are issued, the owner or other responsible person shall have the right to a hearing pursuant to Chapter 100, §100.8, of these Rules and Regulations.

601.3.5. Schools in operation prior to the effective date of these regulations, which would require capital expenditures to fully meet all of the design, construction and equipment requirements of these regulations, may be deemed acceptable if in good repair and capable of being maintained in a sanitary condition and pose no hazard to the health of the school occupants.

601.4. PLAN REVIEW.

601.4.1. Before work is begun in the construction, remodeling, or alteration of a school, or in the conversion of an existing establishment or facility to a school, properly prepared plans and specifications shall be submitted to and approved by the Department.

601.4.2. Plans and specifications shall include, where applicable, data relating to: the grounds, buildings, equipment; sewage disposal; water supply, including plumbing; refuse disposal; and any other information which may be required by the Department.

601.5. WATER SUPPLY.

601.5.1. All water used in the operation of a school shall be provided from a supply approved by the Department. Approval of a water supply shall be based upon satisfactory compliance with the construction standards for individual water supplies that are promulgated in Chapter 500, §501, of these Rules and Regulations and the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act (35 P.S. 721.1 et. seq.).

601.5.2. The water supply shall be adequate in quantity and shall meet the bacteriological and chemical water standards of the Department, as found in Chapter 500, §501 and the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act (35 P.S. 721.1 et. seq.). Unapproved water supplies shall be made inaccessible to the public in a manner deemed satisfactory to the Department.

601.5.3. All schools not connected to a public water supply shall meet the periodic water quality monitoring and testing requirements as stated in Chapter 600, §605 of these Rules and Regulations.

601.6. PLUMBING.

601.6.1. Plumbing shall be sized, installed, and maintained to carry adequate quantities of water to required locations throughout the school; prevent contamination of the water supply; and properly convey sewage and liquid wastes from the establishment to the sewage facilities.

601.6.2. The plumbing shall be installed and maintained so as not to create an unsanitary condition or nuisance. Any faucet with threads which could allow a hose to be attached must be provided with an approved backflow prevention device.

601.6.3. Plumbing fixtures shall be provided with a constant supply of hot water within a reasonable period of time. A reasonable time is assumed to be a period not to exceed three minutes.

601.7. SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

601.7.1. All sewage disposal systems serving a school shall be approved by the Department.

601.7.2. Approval of the sewage disposal system shall be based upon satisfactory compliance with the standards for individual sewage disposal systems as described in Chapter 500, §503 of these Rules and Regulations, and the Clean Streams Law (35 P.S. §691.1 et seq.).

601.8. FOOD SERVICE.

601.8.1. Facilities to be used for the storing, preparation, and serving of food must meet the requirements of Chapter 300 of these Rules and Regulations, Pennsylvania Food Code Chapter 46 and “Public Eating and Drinking Place” Act (35 P.S. §655.1 et seq.).

601.8.2. Home Economics, Life Skills or similar programs in a School that are used for instructional purposes or enrichment, are not required to meet the requirements of the PA Food Code Chapter 46.

601.9. HEALTH AND SAFETY IN SCHOOLS.

601.9.1. The buildings, grounds, play area equipment, and appurtenances of schools shall be constructed and maintained so as to minimize health and accident hazards.

601.9.2. All space, including basement areas, shall be maintained in a clean, dry condition, without the presence of unnecessary material in storage.

601.9.3. Cleaning materials and other toxic materials shall be kept in an area that is locked or made inaccessible to students.

601.9.4. Cleaning materials and other toxic materials shall be stored in an original labeled container or in a container that specifies the content. Toxic materials shall be stored away from foods, food preparation areas and student activity areas.

601.9.5. Cleaning materials and other toxic materials shall be used in a manner that does not contaminate student activity areas, food, food preparation areas and does not constitute a hazard to the students.

601.9.6. Heating, ventilation and/or air conditioning systems shall provide uniform heating, ventilation and/or air conditioning (where applicable) throughout the school facility. All heating devices shall be adequately vented in an approved manner.

601.9.7. Where window and door screens are utilized for ventilation, screens shall be maintained in good repair.

601.10. ANIMALS

601.10.1. Any pet or animal present at the facility, indoors or outdoors shall conform to the relevant provisions of Chapter 200, §202 (relating to veterinary public health and zoonotic disease) of these Rules and Regulations.

601.11. PHYSICAL FACILITY.

601.11.1. Every exterior wall, roof, foundation, porch, and stair shall be structurally sound, weather-tight, and water-tight. They shall be finished to control mold, dust, and entry of insects and/or rodents into the facility.

601.11.2. Every interior floor, stair, wall and ceiling shall be structurally sound and shall be finished to control exposure of the occupants to hazardous levels of toxic fumes, dust, mold or noise.

601.11.3. Floors, walls, ceilings and other surfaces, including the facility's outdoor activity areas shall be kept clean, in good repair and free from visible hazards.

601.11.4. Wall and floor coverings shall be of such type and quality as will ensure safe and sanitary conditions.

601.12. TOILET AND HANDWASHING FACILITIES.

601.12.1. Separate toilet facilities for each sex shall be provided on the premises of schools, for the students. Toilet facilities shall be of sanitary design and readily cleanable. Toilet facilities, including rooms and fixtures, shall be kept in a clean condition, and in good repair.

601.12.2. Toilet areas shall be completely enclosed and shall have tight-fitting, self-closing, solid doors, which shall be closed, except during cleaning or maintenance. However, doors are not required where toilet rooms are structured with adequate sight barriers to prohibit direct vision to the toilets or urinals from the entranceway. Toilet rooms shall be adequately vented to the outside.

601.12.3. A toilet facility shall be supplied with toilet tissue at all times. Easily cleanable receptacles shall be provided for waste materials, and such receptacles in toilet rooms for women shall be covered.

601.12.4. Each toilet facility shall be provided with a handwashing sink(s) supplied with hot and cold water under adequate pressure.

601.12.5. Handwashing facilities shall be located in the classroom in all grades from kindergarten through grade two, and in other rooms where the activities require frequent handwashing.

601.12.6. A handwashing sink shall be equipped to provide hot water between 90°F and 110°F through a mixing valve or combination faucet. Hot water temperatures shall be monitored regularly to ensure compliance with the above.

601.12.7. A constant supply of soap and paper towels individual towels or other approved means of hand drying shall be available at all handwashing sinks.

601.12.8. A self-closing, slow-closing or metering faucet shall provide a flow of water for at least 15 seconds without the need to reactivate the faucet.

601.12.9. Where staff may be required to assist students in a toilet facility, then applicable diapering requirements outlined in Chapter 400, §406 of these Rules and Regulations shall apply.

601.13. LOCKER ROOMS.

601.13.1. Whenever any school is provided with a locker room and necessary appurtenances, they shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. Floors, Walls and ceilings shall be smooth, easily cleanable and maintained in good repair.

601.14. VECTOR CONTROL.

601.14.1. Effective measures must be adopted, when necessary, to prevent infestation with insects, rodents, or other vectors, in accordance with the standards established in Chapter 600, §603 of these Rules and Regulations. Pesticide application, when necessary, shall be conducted by a certified pest control applicator/operator and in accordance with the pesticide label and all required federal and state laws. The school premises shall be kept in such condition as to eliminate the harborage, food and water conditions conducive to insect, rodent or other vector infestations.

601.14.2 All schools shall have an Integrated Pest Management Plan in place.

601.15. LIGHTING.

601.15.1. All schools and parts thereof, shall maintain adequate luminance levels by artificial or natural light, to provide for proper sanitation and safety in accordance with typical industry practices and guidelines.

601.16. GARBAGE AND REFUSE STORAGE, COLLECTION, AND DISPOSAL.

601.16.1. All garbage and refuse containing food waste shall be kept in leak-proof, nonabsorbent, rust and corrosion-resistant containers, which shall be kept covered with tight-fitting lids, when filled or stored or not in continuous use. Other means of garbage and refuse storage may be used if it is approved by the Department and it is in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 500, §504 of these Rules and Regulations.

601.16.2. All other refuse shall be stored in containers, rooms, or areas of sufficient number and size

in a manner so as to prevent insect and/or rodent problems and other nuisances.

601.16.3. All garbage and refuse storage, collection and disposal operations shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 500, §504 of these Rules and Regulations.

601.17. BATHING PLACES.

601.17.1. The construction, modification, maintenance, and operation of any bathing place in a school shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 600, §602 of these Rules and Regulations, and the provisions of the "Public Bathing Law" (35 P.S. §672 et seq.).

**CERTIFICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF CHESTER ss**

I, Margaret C. Rivello, Secretary of the Chester County Board of Health, hereby do certify the within to be a true and correct copy. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of March, 2013.



Margaret C. Rivello, M.B.A.

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Effective close of business: Friday, May 10, 2013.