

# Arlee Joint School District No.8 School District ENERGY EFFICIENT, HEALTHY INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ) POLICY

## I. BACKGROUND

Recognizing that indoor air quality (IAQ) has a direct and lasting impact on student learning, attendance, and staff well-being, **Arlee Joint School District No.8** is committed to proactively identifying and addressing factors that can compromise air quality. By prioritizing prevention over remediation, we aim to create consistently healthy, high-performing learning environments where students and staff can thrive. Evidence shows that preventing IAQ issues results in healthier, higher-performing students and improved staff well-being.

## II. POLICY

**Arlee Joint School District No.8** is committed to proactively providing safe and healthy indoor air quality in all school facilities by:

- Conducting regular inspections and maintenance of HVAC systems.
- Monitoring key IAQ indicators such as CO<sub>2</sub>, humidity, and temperature.
- Responding immediately to leaks, moisture, or mold.
- Using approved low-emission cleaning products.
- Training staff, students, and families on maintaining healthy IAQ.

Each school shall receive an Annual Proactive IAQ Assessment. The district will establish or maintain a Healthy Schools Taskforce to coordinate IAQ initiatives.

District departments and all schools will comply with regulations and district policies related to proactive IAQ management, including but not limited to ventilation maintenance, pest management, green cleaning, and vehicle idling restrictions.

# III. IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING & EVALUATION GUIDELINES

The **Arlee Joint School District No.8** District Facilities Department, in collaboration with school leadership, will conduct Annual IAQ Assessments. Assessments will:

- Inspect HVAC systems.
- Identify early signs of moisture or mold.
- Ensure air vents are unobstructed.
- Monitor IAQ indicators.
- Review cleaning practices.
- Align with EPA IAQ tools for schools.

## A. District Responsibilities:

- Maintain preventive maintenance schedules.
- Provide training and resources.
- Track and compile assessment results.
- Report district-wide IAQ data.
- Maintain preventive maintenance schedules.

## B. School Responsibilities:

- Review IAQ Assessment reports.
- Create or update IAQ Prevention Plans.
- Conduct quarterly inspections.
- Assign IAQ responsibilities.
- Provide annual staff training.

## C. Compliance:

- Maintain HVAC records.
- Follow cleaning protocols.
- Repair leaks immediately.
- Keep vents unobstructed.
- Prohibit vehicle idling near air intakes.

## D. Relevant Federal, State, Local, and District Regulations:

All schools and district departments shall comply with regulations and policies including:

- Federal: H.R.9131 - Indoor Air Quality and Healthy Schools Act of 2024 and EPA 402-F-91-102, December 1991
- State: Montana State Law on Indoor Air Quality Code 50-1-206.
- District Policies: Green Cleaning, Integrated Pest Management, Chemical Inventory, Tobacco-Free, Infection Prevention.

E. Monitoring & Evaluation:

- Review school IAQ plans annually.
- Document progress.
- Compile annual district IAQ reports, and make them publicly available.
- Recognize proactive schools.

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