

Non-Instructional/Business Operations Policy 5637

INDOOR AIR QUALITY

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALAMANCA CITY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY-EFFICIENT, HEALTHY INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ) POLICY FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and academic success of students and staff are directly impacted by the quality of indoor air in school facilities; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown that poor indoor air quality (IAQ) can lead to increased absenteeism, decreased academic performance, and exacerbation of respiratory conditions such as asthma; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based practices show that proactive, rather than reactive, measures to improve IAQ result in healthier school environments, improved student performance, and increased staff productivity and satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the Salamanca City Central School District recognizes its responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for all students, staff, and visitors, and acknowledges that this responsibility includes maintaining high IAQ standards; and

WHEREAS, proactive IAQ management aligns with the district's goals for sustainability, operational efficiency, and compliance with local, state, and federal environmental health regulations; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) IAQ Tools for Schools framework provides a sound foundation for developing IAQ policies and assessment strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Salamanca City Central School District seeks to institutionalize practices that include routine HVAC inspections, environmental monitoring, moisture and mold prevention, use of low-emission cleaning products, and stakeholder education to ensure continuous improvement of IAQ; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Healthy Schools Taskforce and implementing annual IAQ assessments are essential components of the district's strategy for improving air quality and promoting transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the district is committed to meeting or exceeding all applicable regulations and policies, including those concerning ventilation systems, integrated pest management, green cleaning, chemical safety, tobacco-free environments, and vehicle idling restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a comprehensive IAQ policy supports a culture of health and safety while empowering each school site with clear responsibilities and procedures for maintaining healthy air;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Salamanca City Central School District hereby adopts the Energy Efficient, Healthy Indoor Air Quality Policy with the following mandates:

1. **Annual IAQ Assessments** shall be conducted at all school sites in alignment with EPA guidance, and results shall inform site-specific IAQ Prevention Plans.
2. **District Responsibilities** shall include preventive maintenance of HVAC systems, centralized tracking of IAQ data, providing training and resources, and reporting annually to the public.
3. **School Site Responsibilities** shall include reviewing IAQ reports, maintaining unobstructed vents, implementing annual inspections, assigning IAQ responsibilities, and training staff annually.
4. **Compliance** shall be ensured with all applicable federal, state, local, and district IAQ-related regulations, including prompt response to moisture intrusion and routine monitoring of IAQ indicators.
5. **Monitoring and Evaluation** shall include annual reviews of school IAQ plans, public reporting of progress, and recognition of schools that demonstrate excellence in IAQ management.
6. **Designation of an IAQ Coordinator** within the Facilities or Health & Safety Office to provide support and oversee implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this policy shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and the Superintendent or designee is directed to oversee its implementation and integration into district operations and facilities management.