

POLICY 305-11

CLASSROOM AND LABORATORY SAFETY

The Department of Education shall design and implement a classroom and laboratory safety program that ensures a safe learning environment for students. Teachers shall comply with prescribed safety standards and regulations. Students shall be taught standards and practices that ensure their own safety and care and that of others.

Rationale: The Board of Education recognizes that classroom experiments and laboratory activities are integral and essential components in helping students to understand abstract concepts, build skills, and demonstrate proficiencies. The Board of Education also understands that good learning and teaching embodies the demonstration of sound safety practices and respect for one's environment.

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