

January 25, 2024


**AUTHORIZE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR GREEN CLEANING POLICY STARTING JANUARY 26, 2024**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board authorize the commencement of the Public Comment Period from January 26, 2024 to February 26, 2024 for the Policy described in the disposition table below. Pursuant to Board Rule 2-6(c), the Board must authorize the commencement of the Public Comment Period.

Current Policy Section/ Current Policy Title	New Policy Section/ New Policy Title	Description of Revision/Disposition
410.8 Green Cleaning	N/A	Amend 410.8, Green Cleaning  Minor updates to the policy pursuant to Board Rule 2-6's required biennial review.

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**Policy/Board Rule Summary Form**

Policy/Board Rule Being Amended/Created	Policy Manager(s)
Green Cleaning Policy	Caleb Rehberg

1. Why is this policy/Board rule being amended, created, or rescinded now? (e.g., state legislation, compliance change, policy was out of date, biennial policy review, CEO/CEdO recommendation, etc.)

Policy needs minor changes, no changes have been made since 2008.

2. Please provide a high level summary of what policy/Board rule changes are being made, or created, and why.

One of the minor amendments is replacing verbiage that says “without harming the environment” to “environmentally sensitive products” and defining what the latter means. This helps provide more clarity to the SOP.

3. Please provide an overview of the community engagement conducted, including any notable feedback from internal or external stakeholders, and how you addressed it or planned to address it in your policy draft.

TBD - Scheduled to be posted at the end of January - February.

4. Please provide any additional notes/considerations in the box below.

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 08-0827-PO6  
GREEN CLEANING POLICY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education (“the Board”) amend Board Report 08-0827-PO6 Green Cleaning Policy.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to comply with the Illinois Green Cleaning Schools Act (105 ILCS 140), which requires schools to exclusively purchase and use environmentally-sensitive cleaning supplies in accordance with the State of Illinois Guidelines and Specifications for the Green Cleaning Schools Act (“State Guidelines”) and related provisions of the Illinois Administrative Code.

**POLICY TEXT:**

A. Introduction: It shall be the policy of Chicago Public Schools (“CPS”) to maintain clean, safe, healthy schools and Board facilities and eliminate contaminants that affect children and adult health, performance and attendance. CPS is committed to the implementation of cleaning processes and ~~supplies~~ use of environmentally sensitive products that protect the health of children and health without harming the environment-adults. Environmentally sensitive cleaning products are cleaning and maintenance products that minimize adverse impacts on human health and the environment, while cleaning effectively.

B. Categories of Cleaning Supply Products: For cleaning ~~supplies~~ products in the following categories, schools, area offices, central offices and Board facilities shall purchase and utilize environmentally sensitive cleaning products:

1. *Bathroom Cleaners* – products used to clean hard surfaces in a bathroom such as counters, walls, floors, fixtures, basins, tubs or tile.
2. *Carpet Cleaners* – products used to eliminate dirt and stains on rugs and carpeting.
3. *General Purpose and Hard floor Surface Cleaners* – products used for routine cleaning of hard surfaces, including impervious flooring such as concrete or tile. This category does not include products intended primarily to strip, polish or wax floors and it does not include disinfectants nor cleaners intended primarily for cleaning toilet bowls, dishes, laundry, upholstery or wood.
4. *Glass, Window and Mirror Cleaners* – products used to clean glass, windows, mirrors or metallic or polished surfaces.
5. *Hand Cleaners and Hand Soaps* – products used for routine, non-specialized hand cleaning.
6. *Paper Products* – paper towels or other paper used for cleaning and do not include toilet paper, facial tissue or paper towels used for drying hands.
7. Such other categories as may be identified in the State Guidelines

C. Product Designations: A school, area offices, central office or Board facility shall be deemed to be in compliance with the requirement to use environmentally sensitive cleaning products if the school solely uses products carrying one of the following designations:

1. Certified by Green Seal
2. Certified by Environmental Choice EcoLogo Program
3. For chemicals: Recognized by the US Environmental Protection Agency Design for the Environment Formulator Program, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics
4. For Paper Products: In compliance with the IS Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Commercial and Industrial Sanitary Tissue.

D. Implementation: This policy mandates the use of green cleaning supplies by schools, area offices, central offices, and other Board owned facilities. ~~Each principal and administrator, with his/her staff, Facilities,~~ shall incorporate Green Cleaning requirements into their school's maintenance and cleaning program. The Department of Procurement and Contracts shall establish a district-wide purchasing contract(s) that enables Facilities and schools to purchase green cleaning ~~supplies~~ products that comply with the requirements of this policy.

**LEGAL REFERENCES:** Green Cleaning Schools Act 105 ILCS 140 et seq.; 23 Illinois Administrative Code 2800.10 et seq.; State of Illinois Guidelines and Specifications for the Green Cleaning Schools Act.