

REGULATION MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Related Entries: EBH-RA
Responsible Office: Chief Operating Officer
Department of Facilities Management
Related Sources: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-407; 29 C.F.R. 1910.133, *Eye and Face Protection*; ANSI Z87.1-2003 Practice for Occupational and Educational Personal Eye and Face Protection

Use of Protective Eye Devices

I. PURPOSE

To publish procedures in compliance with federal and state regulations for use of protective eye devices by staff in job-specific operational job settings and students in career and technology education, and chemical/physical science laboratories or classrooms.

II. BACKGROUND

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the State of Maryland regulate the use of protective eye devices for employees and students. OSHA estimates that 90 percent of eye injuries can be prevented through the use of proper protective eyewear.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Responsibilities

1. Principals will ensure that:
 - a) Sanitizing cabinets are available and functioning;
 - b) A supply of protective eye devices is available; and
 - c) Staff is informed of applicable federal and state regulations.
2. Resource Teachers/Department Chairs will:

- a) Discuss this regulation with departmental staff at the beginning of each school year; and
- b) Conduct periodic inspections to facilitate implementation of the regulation.

3. Teachers will:

- a) Inform students of this regulation and applicable federal and state regulations;
- b) Inform students of the potential hazards of wearing contact lenses while being exposed to toxic or corrosive vapors that may infuse the lenses;
- c) Instruct students on procedures for using protective eye devices;
- d) Supervise and implement the use of these procedures;
- e) Supervise storing and sanitizing of protective eye devices; and
- f) Direct any questions relating to the use of contact lenses to the Safety Supervisor of the Department of Facilities Management.

4. Non-School Based Directors/Supervisors will:

- a) Ensure that a supply of protective eye devices is available;
- b) Inform staff of applicable federal and state regulations; and
- c) Ensure affected employee/staff uses appropriate eye and face protection when exposed to eye and face hazards (e.g. flying particles, molten metals, liquid chemicals, acids).

B. Purchase and Storage of Protective Eye Devices

- 1. Schools will continue to purchase protective eye devices and replacements using their instructional materials supply account. These are to be stored in the appropriate cabinets according to this regulation.

2. Non-school based departments/offices will make available protective eye devices through their departments/offices.

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