



INDOOR AIR QUALITY

SHPD PROGRAM/SERVICE

Good indoor air quality contributes to a favorable learning environment for students, productivity for teachers and staff, and a sense of comfort, health and well being.

Historical Background: The Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Program evolved out of the Asthma Task Force which led to a community round table discussion about the alarmingly high rate of asthma in the Bayview Hunters Point. At that time, an Indoor Air Quality Program “Tools for Schools” (TfS) produced by the Environmental Protection Agency was piloted at two schools, George Washington Carver Academic Elementary School and Dr. Charles R. Drew.

What is The Indoor Air Quality Program? In 1998, the District adopted an Indoor Air Quality Policy # 3335. The SFUSD’s School Health Programs Department and the Facilities Management Department, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, the United Educators of San Francisco, San Francisco Fire Department, Breathe California, the PTA, and the American Lung Association collaborate to facilitate the school process. The IAQ Tools for Schools program is a collaborative low/no cost program designed to provide information and tools needed to improve the environmental quality in all SFUSD sites. This practical tool encourages staff and families to work together to make schools a healthy place to be.

To view or download the Tools for Schools Program,
or for more information on indoor air quality,
visit the EPA web site at www.epa.gov/iaq.

Current Status: Currently, over 25 elementary, middle and high schools, as well as 4 Child Development Centers are participating in the Indoor Air Quality Program. Each participating school develops an on site IAQ management plan. The plan is to:

- 1) Increase awareness that leads to preventive actions
- 2) Identify and remediate any IAQ problems/issues
- 3) Address complaints and incidents as they occur

Activities within the SFUSD and SHPD that support IQA:

- Asthma Education - Open Airways (ALA curriculum for 3rd -5th graders)
- Great American Smokeout/Tobacco Ed/Awareness
- Nurse of the Day
- Safe School Plans
- Tobacco Use Prevention

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