

Environmental Health and Safety



SAFETY & COMPLIANCE MADE EASY

With tight school budgets, regulatory issues, and liability costs becoming more significant concerns, the CESA 10 Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) program meets the needs of school districts by providing cost-effective safety solutions to customers, while maintaining compliance with local, state and regulatory agencies. The program currently serves more than 100 school districts throughout the state.



Partners enjoy the following benefits:

- Annual facility audits to determine compliance status
- Written program development and updates
- Fume hood testing and certification
- Recycling program for lamps, ballasts, office equipment and chemical removal
- Customized policy and procedure development



Training and educational opportunities include:

- Employee training on key health and safety topics
- Quarterly newsletter with safety reminders
- Training workshops for asbestos operations and maintenance, lead renovation, electrical safety, indoor environmental/air quality, and more

"With all the new and constantly changing regulations and requirements our district was at a loss of where to start until we connected with CESA 10. The staff is exceptionally friendly, knowledgeable, and most importantly, practical and realistic about what a school is able to do and the timelines needed to meet expectations. They are full service, making time to be there whenever we have a safety question, whether it be checking for asbestos or providing training. The assistance with updating all our handbooks and procedures has been invaluable. While the administration appreciates the guidance in becoming compliant in all aspects, the staff appreciates the assistance from CESA staff and the pacing of the transitions that result. While overwhelming, the materials and procedures are explained and planned in a way that is very manageable for staff to both adopt and implement. We value our partnership with CESA 10 and consider it a very worthwhile investment."

- Dr. Ann Buechel Haack, District Administrator
Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District



"I worked with CESA 10's environmental health and safety and environmental project experts as the Superintendent of two different districts. They were knowledgeable, thorough and really kept the needs of the districts at the forefront. With all of the compliance and liability issues surrounding environmental issues and hazards, it's worth it to have CESA 10 watching out for the district at all times."

- Joe Zydowsky, District Administrator
School District of the Menomonee Area

CHEMICALS IN SCHOOLS

When used responsibly, chemicals used in the school setting allow students to make scientific discoveries, create works of art, and develop their own photos. Chemicals also help maintain cleanliness, keep pests out of the kitchen, and prevent dandelions from growing in the football field. But when chemicals are mismanaged, they can create serious health and safety problems for students and staff, and liability costs for schools.

MSDSonline®

Don't wait for a chemical accident to happen before you develop an effective chemical management program in your school district. CESA 10 and MSDSonline® can help you create a solid foundation for managing chemicals.

Benefits of Online Access

Having on-demand access to SDS information makes it easier for your district to meet state and federal compliance requirements for chemical usage. This service can also help your district by:

- Maximizing the safety of students and staff
- Preventing costly clean-ups and school closures
- Avoiding lawsuits and negative public relations resulting from chemical accidents
- Eliminating the time-consuming task of maintaining a paper manual
- Streamlined chemical inventory

Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

A Safety Data Sheet is a comprehensive fact sheet prepared by chemical manufacturers which describes the physical properties, health effects, and other characteristics of chemicals, and procedures for handling, storing, and disposing of the chemicals. This information is the foundation for creating a hazard communication program.



DID YOU KNOW?

Schools must keep safety data sheets for chemicals 30 years **AFTER** you stop using them.

Features of MSDSonline®

- Unlimited 24/7 access to SDS information
- A user-friendly website
- eBinder technology to help users build a customized library of current chemicals
- Portable storage options to provide access in locations with limited internet access
- 800 number available if internet access unavailable
- Multiple backup options that meet state compliance requirements
- Free administrator training
- Multi-site administration with access for all staff

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