

HEALTH & SAFETY
FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS



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Introduction

- Health & Safety Levy
 - Separate from capital money
 - Only to be used on qualifying safety projects
 - Each project request must be approved by MDE
- MDE Annual Health & Safety Letter
 - Criteria for what projects/items qualify
 - This document is published on MDE's website at:
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Finance Codes

- 347 - OSHA Physical Hazards
- 349 - Hazardous Substances
- 352 - Environmental H&S Management
(has a biennium cap based on square footage or the number of students in the district)
- 358 - Asbestos
- 363 - Fire and Life Safety
- 366 - Indoor Air Quality

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Fundable Expenses of Interest to Health Services

- 347**
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - Playground Safety Corrections
- 349**
 - Collection and disposal of infectious/hazardous waste
 - Radon testing & remediation
 - Lead testing of water/paint/soil / TOYS – testing & disposal (not replacement)
- 352**
 - Costs to develop and manage the BBP program and maintain records
 - Training (not wages of attendees)
 - Emergency plan equipment and supplies, including AEDs (not large capital items)
 - Preventative supplies as required by OSHA 1910.1030
 - Hepatitis B vaccinations and titer confirmations
 - BBP post-exposure medical evaluations
 - Indoor Air Quality investigations/assessments (corrective action funded under 366)
 - Safety Committee (including wages of attendees)

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Lead

- Lead
 - Heavy metal
 - Elevated levels in blood slow mental & physical growth
 - Children particularly vulnerable to toxic effects
 - Nervous System Disorders
 - Lowered IQ's
 - Impaired memory & reaction times
 - Shortened attention spans
 - Severity of symptoms increase with increased exposures

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Lead In Toys

- Hazardous amounts found in toys imported from China
- Over 9 million toys recalled
- IEA has tested over 100,000 toys (5-10% contained lead)
- Testing & disposal funded under 349 finance code
- Testing Process:
 - XRF analyzer
 - Non-destructive
 - Instantaneous
 - Tests for Lead, Cadmium & Mercury
 - Small toys - test stand
 - Large items - sampled in place
 - If > 40 ppm, labeled & separated for disposal

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How To Get More Information

- The Health & Safety budget for a school district is typically handled by:
 - ✓ Buildings & Grounds Supervisor
 - ✓ Facility Manager
 - ✓ Business Manager

- This should be your first point of contact for questions relating to your school's health and safety budget.

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Questions?

Thank you for your attention!

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