

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES
Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations

BUILDINGS AND SITES

Asbestos

It shall be the policy of the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office, under the aegis of the Bishop, that all schools whose facilities contain asbestos building materials follow the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).

These requirements include the following:

- 1) Maintenance of an Asbestos Management Plan. This Plan must be made available to all who request to see it.
- 2) Designate someone, usually the principal, to oversee the asbestos related activities in the school including a 6 month walk through of asbestos containing areas for surveillance purposes. Records must be kept for the semi-annual walk throughs.
- 3) Posted Notification signs on or near the asbestos containing building materials.
- 4) Annual notification to employees, parents and students that asbestos containing building materials are present in the facility.
- 5) Three-year re-inspection must be completed by an asbestos inspection firm selected by the Diocesan Schools Office.
- 6) Annual training for employees (custodians and maintenance workers) who will be working around asbestos containing materials.
- 7) Contact the Diocesan Schools Office if asbestos containing materials have been disturbed or any removal or abatement of asbestos containing materials is planned.

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