

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

All schools should establish and maintain an environment free from toxins, pollutants and hazardous materials.

### AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCE:

Vermont Act 125 of 2000 -Indoor Air Quality  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2000/acts/act125.htm>

State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practice, Section 6131  
<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/board/rules.html>

### SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLE:

- Collaborate with administrators, maintenance personnel, health educators and classroom teachers, to: determine if environmental health problems or potential problems exist in the school and/or community; assist with school health management plan.
- Establish a plan of action to mitigate or eliminate, to extent possible, any existing environmental health problems;
- Create a method to manage environmentally-related health questions, concerns, complaints and incidents as they occur.
- Encourage discussion with school health action committees; and promote environmental health awareness through dissemination of resources.

### RESOURCES:

Environmental Protection Agency Indoor Environment Division. Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools: Action Kit - <http://www.epa.gov/iag>

Vermont Department of Health, Envision Program <http://healthvermont.gov/enviro/envision.aspx>