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

AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCE:

16 V.S.A. § 3448 (2016) -- Approval and funding of school construction projects; renewable energy: http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/16/123

18 V.S.A. § 1781 (2016), Cleaning Products in Schools -- http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/18/039


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. http://www.epa.gov/iaq;


• Healthy Schools, Healthy Kids Resources - https://www.epa.gov/schools


National Association of School Nurses:

Vermont Agency of Education:

Vermont Department of Health:
- Green Cleaning for families and school nurses: Healthy Homes -- http://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/home