

Regulation

EMPLOYEE SAFETY: EYE PROTECTION

Eye Protection Devices

The following types of eye protective devices must be worn by all pupils, staff members, and visitors (including persons attending evening adult school programs) participating in the activity or process designated wherever it may occur on school premises:

Potential Eye Hazard	Protective Devices
Caustic or explosive chemicals	Goggle, flexible fitting, hooded ventilation; add plastic window face shield for severe exposure
Explosives, solids or gases	Goggle, flexible fitting, hooded ventilation; add plastic window face shield for severe exposure
Dust producing operations	Goggle, flexible fitting, hooded ventilation
Electric arc welding	Welding helmet in combination with spectacles with eye cup or semi- or flat- fold side shields
Oxy-acetylene welding	Welding goggle, eye cup type with tinted lenses; welding goggle, cover-spec type with tinted lenses or tinted plate lens
Hot liquids and gases	Goggle, flexible fitting, hood ventilation; add plastic window face shield for severe exposure
Hot solids	Clear or tinted goggles, or spectacles with side shield
Molten metals	Clear or tinted goggles and plastic or mesh window face shield
Heat treatment or tempering of metals	Clear or tinted goggles or clear or tinted spectacles with side shields
Glare operations	Tinted goggles; tinted spectacles with side shields or welding goggles, eye cup or coverage type with tinted lenses or plate lens
Shaping of solid materials; chipping, cutting, grinding, milling, sawing, stamping	Clear goggles, flexible or rigid body; clear spectacles with side shields; add plastic window face shield for severe exposure
Laser device operation or experimentation	Appropriate for specific hazard

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Repairing or servicing of vehicles when hazard is foreseeable	Clear goggles or spectacles
Spraying and dusting	Clear goggles, splash proof
Other potential hazardous processes or activities that may injure eyes	Proper eye protective device appropriate for specific hazard

General Guidelines

- A. The supplier of any eye protective device to this district shall certify in writing that the device meets or exceeds American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards. All spectacle type eye protective devices shall have side shields of the eye cup, semi-, or flat-fold type.
- B. Teachers shall regularly and frequently inspect the eye protective devices used in their classes and shall report to the principal devices that are defective or poorly fitting. All eye protective devices shall be identified with the name(s) of the user(s) and shall be properly stored when not in use.
- C. An eye protective device that is shared shall be disinfected between uses by the teacher.
- D. Each teacher of an instructional activity that is potentially hazardous to the eyes shall identify the pupils in his or her class who wear contact lenses:
1. A list of such pupils shall be kept by the teacher in order that appropriate emergency eye care may be given; the list shall be destroyed at the end of the course of study.
 2. The use of contact lenses shall be restricted when the pupil is exposed to chemical fumes, vapors or splashes, intense heat, molten metals, or highly particulate atmospheres.
 3. When permitted, contact lenses may be worn only in conjunction with appropriate eye protective devices.
- E. A pupil who wears prescription glasses shall be provided with an appropriate eye protective device that fits over his or her glasses or may purchase prescription eye protective devices through the school office. A pupil or staff member may wear his or her personal corrective eyewear in the course of an activity hazardous to the eyes provided that the eyewear has been certified in writing by a licensed optician to meet or exceed ANSI standards for the appropriate eye protective device required.
- F. The principal will provide each visitor to an area in which a condition hazardous to eyes is conducted with an appropriate eye protective device.

Eye Wash Fountains

- A. Eye wash fountains, capable of a minimum of fifteen minutes of continuous flow of eye wash solution shall be provided and consistent with the standards of the State Department of Education;

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- B. Eye wash fountains shall be routinely checked by the responsible teacher and any fountain that does not operate properly shall be promptly reported to the principal.

Enforcement

- A. Teachers shall not permit pupils to engage in an activity potentially hazardous to the eyes without appropriate eye protection and shall dismiss from the class period a pupil who refuses or persistently neglects to wear eye protection or to observe established eye protection practices. Any such dismissed pupil shall be reported absent for the class;
- B. Teachers shall report to the building principal a visitor who refuses or persistently neglects to wear eye protection or observe established eye protection practices;
- C. The principal shall annually inspect the school premises for the existence of conditions potentially hazardous to the eyes, for the placement of signs requiring appropriate eye protective devices, and for an adequate supply of appropriate eye protective devices in satisfactory condition. Conditions potentially hazardous to the eyes include, in addition to the activities listed above, the likelihood of flying objects and spilled liquids and the presence of protruding and sharp objects.

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