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ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY SPACES

Clean schools not only look nice, they also provide a healthy environment in which to learn. Students learn better if they are not exposed to allergens, irritants, or toxins, especially those suffering from asthma or allergy symptoms.

- ✓ To avoid triggering asthma attacks, strive for a scent-free environment:
 - Use only unscented, school-approved cleaners.
 - Do **NOT** use candles, candle warmers, diffusers, plug in deodorizers, or air fresheners.
 - Avoid using scented personal products or perfume.
- ✓ Do not keep animals in classrooms. The Department of Health recommends animals be temporary visitors to the classroom, with the exception of certified and trained service animals.
- ✓ Do **NOT** cover up or block air supply vents or cold air returns. *Courtesy WADOH*
- ✓ Do **NOT** bring cleaning products from home, bug sprays, spray paint, etc., as they may contain toxic materials or react harmfully with chemicals custodians use.
- ✓ Keep a neat and easily cleanable classroom/office.
- ✓ Rotate or clean mobiles and wall displays on a routine basis. They have a tendency to collect dust.
- ✓ Clean and organize your personal work space. Custodians may not be able to move or disturb your desk and other personal items.
- ✓ Have students clean out their desks on a routine basis.
- ✓ Report water leaks or damp areas immediately.



To assist with cleaning, have students:

- ✓ Place chairs on top of desks and/or move tables to one side of the room at the end of the day to make vacuuming easier and faster. Talk with your custodian to determine the best placement.
- ✓ Pick up any garbage on the floor.
- ✓ If students do clean desks, etc. only use district supplied cleaning supplies.

For more information on environmentally friendly schools visit <https://tinyurl.com/ybaol6qh>.

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