The State of Connecticut Public Act 09-81 requires that each local and regional board of education implement a green cleaning program for all school buildings and facilities in its district.

The Regional School District#4 Green Cleaning Program is designed to optimize conditions for learning and minimize human exposure to hazardous chemicals, allergens irritants, and pollutants.

Regional School District #4 is committed to the implementation of Public Act 09-81 by providing the staff and, upon request, the parents and guardians of each child enrolled in each school with a written statement of the school district’s green cleaning program as well as making it available on its web site annually. Copies will also be distributed to new staff hired during the school year and to parents or guardians of students transferring in during the school year.

1. Green cleaning program means the procurement and proper use of environmentally preferable cleaning products as defined by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for all state owned buildings, schools and facilities. DAS currently requires that environmentally preferable cleaning products be independently certified by one of two third party certified organizations: Green Seal or Eco Logo

2. By July 1, 2011 and thereafter no person shall use a cleaning product in a public school unless it meets the DAS standard.

3. The types of cleaning products covered in this legislation include: general purpose, bathroom, and glass cleaners, floor strippers and finishes, hand cleaners and soaps. The preferred green cleaning products used by this school district are listed on attachment “A”

4. Disinfectants, disinfectant cleaners, sanitizers or antimicrobial products regulated by the federal insecticide, fungicide and rodenticide act are not covered by this law.

The following statement will be part of this school districts program as stated in the new law;

“NO PARENT, GUARDIAN, TEACHER OR STAFF MEMBER MAY BRING INTO THE SCHOOL FACILITY ANY CONSUMER PRODUCT WHICH IS INTENDED TO CLEAN, DEODORIZE, SANITIZE OR DISINFECT”

The implementation of this program requires the support and cooperation of everyone including administrators, faculty, staff, parents, guardians and facilities staff.

Any questions concerning the program can be directed to:

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bglowac@reg4.k12.ct.us
This chart lists the types, names and manufacturers of the green products used by Regional School District #4 Schools as well as the locations/areas of application and the schedule of when each is used.

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<th>TYPE OF PRODUCT</th>
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<th>LOCATON / AREA</th>
<th>FREQUENCY SCHEDULE</th>
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<td>Floor Finish</td>
<td>Aspire</td>
<td>NCL-Earth Sense</td>
<td>Linoleum &amp; VCT, classrooms, halls &amp; café.</td>
<td>As needed</td>
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<td>Floor Finish</td>
<td>Prelude</td>
<td>Betco Corporation</td>
<td>Linoleum &amp; VCT, classrooms, halls &amp; café.</td>
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<td>General Purpose</td>
<td>Earth Sense #18</td>
<td>NCL-Earth Sense</td>
<td>Hard surfaces &amp; CTP* classrooms, Café, Lavs, office...</td>
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<td>General Purpose</td>
<td>Earth Sense #16</td>
<td>NCL-Earth Sense</td>
<td>Hard floors, Lavs, classrooms &amp; café.</td>
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<td>All Purpose</td>
<td>All purpose #1</td>
<td>Simple Green</td>
<td>All rooms</td>
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<td>Restroom Cleaner</td>
<td>Kaiblooey</td>
<td>Kai-Vac</td>
<td>Lav’s</td>
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<td>Foam Hand Soap</td>
<td>Symmetry</td>
<td>Buckeye</td>
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<td>Foam Hand Soap</td>
<td>Esterol</td>
<td>Stoko</td>
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<td>Glass cleaner</td>
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* CTP = Common Touch Points

Evaluation of currently used as well as New Green seal independently certified products will be ongoing.
Green Cleaning Information for School Administrators, Staff and Parents

As concerns about chemicals in the environment grow, there is an effort to reduce the amount and type of chemicals people are exposed to every day. In light of this, a law was passed in 2009 by the CT legislature that requires schools to start a green cleaning program in the schools by July 2011. **School Districts need the cooperation of staff and parents to both comply with the law, and protect the health of students and staff.**

Public Act No. 09-81 (partial text)

*AN ACT CONCERNING GREEN CLEANING PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS.*

On or before July 1, 2011, each local and regional board of education shall implement a green cleaning program for the cleaning and maintenance of school buildings and facilities in its district. No person shall use a cleaning product inside a school unless such cleaning product meets guidelines or environmental standards set by a national or international environmental certification program approved by the Department of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Such cleaning product shall, to the maximum extent possible, minimize the potential harmful impact on human health and the environment.

On or before October 1, 2010, each local and regional board of education shall provide the staff of each school and, upon request, the parents and guardians of each child enrolled in each school with a written statement of the school district's green cleaning program. Each local or regional board of education shall make such notice, as well as the report submitted to the Department of Education pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-220 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, available on its web site and the web site of each school under such board's jurisdiction.

**No parent, guardian, teacher or staff member may bring into the school facility any consumer product which is intended to clean, deodorize, sanitize or disinfect.**

This requirement means that the custodial staff will use cleaners that are less toxic. These green cleaners have been certified by an independent third-party (Green Seal: [http://greenseal.org](http://greenseal.org) or Eco-Logo: [http://www.ecologo.org/en/index.asp](http://www.ecologo.org/en/index.asp)) to make sure that the health and environmental effects from their use are reduced.

This change will mean improved health for school occupants by reducing children’s, teacher’s, custodian’s and other staff’s exposure to toxic chemicals and asthma triggers that can be found in cleaning products. These include bleach, phenols, and ammonia often found in many over-the-counter general-purpose cleaners.
Moving to a green cleaning system will require cooperation from all members of the school community. The result will be a healthier school environment.

For more information on green cleaning, visit the following web sites:

- Wastebusters Green Cleaning Myths Video: 
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMIcv0WGMo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMIcv0WGMo) (YouTube)
- CT School Green Cleaning Products Law: 
- CT Department of Public Health: [http://www.ct.gov/dph/ieq](http://www.ct.gov/dph/ieq)
- CT Department of Public Health “Healthy School Environments” web page: [www.ct.gov/dph/schools](http://www.ct.gov/dph/schools)
- INFORM Cleaning for Health: [http://informinc.org](http://informinc.org)
- CT Foundation for Environmentally Safe Schools: [http://www.pollutionfreeschools.org](http://www.pollutionfreeschools.org)
- Best Cleaning Practices Guidance for Infection Control: 