



# INDOOR AIR QUALITY

## FACT SHEET

Good indoor air quality contributes to a favorable learning environment for students, productivity for teachers and staff, and a sense of comfort, health and well being.

**Historical Background:** The Indoor Air Quality Program evolved out of the Asthma Task Force which lead to a community round table discussion about the alarmingly high rate of asthma in the Bayview Hunters Point. An Indoor Air Quality Program “Tools for Schools” produced by the Environmental Protection Agency was piloted at two schools, George Washington Carver Academic Elementary School and Dr.Charles R. Drew.

**What is The Indoor Air Quality Program?** In 1998, the District adopted an Indoor Air Quality Policy # 3335. The SFUSD’s School Health Programs Department and the Facilities Management Department, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, the United Educators of San Francisco, the PTA, and the American Lung Association collaborate to facilitate the school process.

To view or download the Tools for Schools Program,  
or for more information on indoor air quality,  
visit the EPA web site at [www.epa.gov/iaq](http://www.epa.gov/iaq).

**Current Status:** Currently, sixteen elementary, middle and high schools are participating in the Indoor Air Quality Program. Each participating school develops an on site IAQ management plan. The plan is to:

- 1) Increase awareness that leads to preventive actions
- 2) Identify and remediate any IAQ problems/issues
- 3) Address complaints and incidents as they occur

**School sites that have participated:**

**High Schools:** Lowell, Lincoln, McAteer

**Middle Schools:** Visitation Valley, Ben Franklin, Potrero Hill

**Elementary Schools:** Lakeshore, Ulloa, Junipero Serra,  
Commodore Sloat, West Portal, Charles Drew, Bessie Carmichael,  
John Muir, George Washington Carver, E. R. Taylor

**Activities within the SFUSD and SHPD that support IQA:**

- Great American Smokeout/Tobacco Ed/Awareness
- Asthma Education
- Tobacco Use Prevention
- Safe School Plans

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