

## Mercury Elimination

Because of the known health risks associated with mercury as well as the likelihood of exposure and contamination as a result of spills, the Baker School District will:

1. Prohibit the purchase of elementary mercury, mercury compounds and mercury added instructional materials:
2. Eliminate all elementary mercury and mercury compounds that are maintained for educational purposes:
3. Eliminate the use of mercury-added instructional materials; and
4. Eliminate the use of items and products containing elemental mercury or mercury compounds, as those items and products are replaced at the end of their normal useful lives with mercury-free alternatives.
5. Dispose of mercury products in accordance with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

### Definitions

“Mercury-added instructional material” means an item or product containing intentionally added elemental mercury or mercury compound(s) used for educational purposes.

“Mercury compound” means a substance containing mercury chemically combined with another element or combination of elements, e.g. mercury oxide (HgO).

“Elemental mercury” means the silvery-white liquid metal with atomic number of 80 and an atomic mass of 200.57 represented by chemical symbol Hg.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.051](#) (b)  
[ORS 326.051](#) (g)

[ORS 581-21-0021](#)