

Mercury-Free Zone



Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Mercury-Free Zone Program—School Pledge

To protect the health of Idahoans and our state's air, land, and water, we pledge to work with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to keep mercury out of our school and the environment.

Our school is committed to protecting our students, faculty, staff, and the environment. Therefore, we have established the following goals to minimize the introduction of mercury, a persistent bioaccumulative toxin, to our school and the environment. We also encourage our teachers, staff, and students and their families to conduct environmentally sound practices in their everyday lives to prevent mercury exposure and the release of mercury and other toxins into the environment.

To achieve these goals, we pledge to participate in the Mercury-Free Zone Program

- Inventory the mercury and mercury-containing devices in our buildings
- Recycle mercury and mercury-containing devices and clearly label contained immobile mercury-containing devices such as mercury switches on electrical equipment
- Purchase or otherwise obtain non-mercury substitutes and give preference to low-mercury fluorescent light bulbs or LED light bulbs (currently fluorescent light bulbs are not available without mercury)
- Conduct an education program about mercury for students, faculty, and staff
- Prohibit the future purchase or re-introduction of mercury and mercury-containing devices, except for fluorescent light bulbs
- Handle and store fluorescent light bulbs safely

Signature of authorized school representative

Name of school

Title of authorized representative

School address (street, city, state, ZIP)

Authorized representative's email address

Authorized representative's phone no.

Signature of DEQ representative

DEQ representative's phone no.

Title of DEQ representative

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