

850 SCHOOL FURNITURE POLICY**I. PURPOSE**

The Board of Education and staff of the St. Charles School District believe that a safe and healthy environment in our school buildings is essential for learning and the well-being of all. To maximize fire safety and air quality, the St. Charles School District will strive to reduce the amount of flammable materials and harmful air borne chemicals at both the Elementary School and High School.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Furniture purchased or donated to the District must meet the requirements and codes of both the State of Minnesota and the Federal Government. To maximize fire safety and indoor air quality, the District strives to keep the amount of carpeted material and cloth upholstered furniture to a minimum. Staff and students should not bring cloth upholstered furniture into school classrooms. Approved cloth upholstered furniture may be purchased for offices, the auditorium, and faculty workrooms. With the exception of the teacher desk chair, no cloth upholstered furniture will be purchased for classrooms. With the exception of school plays held in the auditorium, donated cloth upholstered furniture should not be used in the school buildings. The building principal will be in charge of supervising this policy.

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