

**Nebraska School Chemical Cleanout Campaign  
NE SC3 Recognition Program Criteria**

**Levels of Achievement**

**23 - Platinum Level**

**21 - 22 - Gold Level**

**18 - 20 - Silver Level**

**15 - 17 - Bronze Level**

1. School agrees to become a SC3 participant and as such, has registered as a user on the Nebraska SC3 website [www.NebraskaSC3.org](http://www.NebraskaSC3.org).
2. School has completed an initial assessment of their chemical management practices. Resource available is the NE SC3 Evaluation Tool found on: [www.NebraskaSC3.org](http://www.NebraskaSC3.org).
3. School has a Security & Safety Committee that addresses chemical management and safety in the school. The School Safety Committee meets to address safety issues including chemical management and should document the chemical management discussion in the minutes of the meeting on an annual basis.
4. School maintains a current inventory of all chemicals on hand. Chemicals must be inventoried at least every 12 months. Must keep an updated list in each area where any chemicals are stored, as well as at least 1 overall list at a central location.
5. School has a staff member assigned to manage every chemical storage area in the school and that person either serves on the Safety Committee or gives input to the committee annually.
6. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are current and available at each location where chemicals are handled or stored, as well as kept at a central location.
7. School has a current Chemical Hygiene Plan approved by the district school board.
8. Chemicals are stored by compatibility (i.e., type and group, not alphabetically) in appropriate storage cabinets.
9. School uses green or micro-scale chemistry when possible as determined by lead chemistry teacher and chemical hygiene officer.
10. School uses less toxic alternatives when possible as determined by lead chemistry teacher and chemical hygiene officer.
11. All chemicals are labeled, including name, purchase and expiration dates and storage information. The use of a dot system (i.e., placing a dot on the chemical container with the date each time of use) is an example of an appropriate management system for identifying how often each chemical is used and signaling chemicals that are not used in a 2-year timeframe for disposal consideration.

12. School has an Emergency Response Plan for chemical emergencies (i.e. fire, leak or spill) which has been coordinated with first responders in the area.
13. Areas where chemicals are used or handled have up-to-date safety guides and functioning safety equipment.
14. School has a chemical purchasing policy or an approved chemical purchasing list.
15. School has chemical purchasing and disposal costs as line item in school's budget.
16. School stores chemical inventory on [www.NebraskaSC3.org](http://www.NebraskaSC3.org) website as an offsite, secure access option and as an immediate resource for chemical information on each chemical.
17. School provides first responding fire department with a current, annual inventory.
18. School insures training on chemical management, including proper clean up for chemical spills, for staff including school administrators, educators, facilities and maintenance staff, school nurses as well as students. (Training videos and resources are available on the [www.NebraskaSC3.org](http://www.NebraskaSC3.org) website.)
19. School labels instruments containing mercury. School maintains an inventoried list of mercury, mercury-containing equipment, and mercury-containing switches. The list should be kept in a central location.
20. Chemical storage cabinets are kept locked with access limited to approved staff.
21. Staff members and students are adequately trained to handle the chemicals they interact with.
22. All hazardous/toxic waste is disposed of and documented according to federal and state guidelines within a reasonable time (e.g. Not "down-the-drain" and not stockpiled in storage rooms.)
23. The review team for the school's annual safety and security plan review includes at least one of the following key members: local fire chief, local emergency management director, or local law enforcement official. Recommend the chemical safety portion of the safety plan be reviewed prior to the annual Nebraska Administrative Code3 Title 92, Rule 10 (re: accreditation) review.