

Unionville-Chadds Ford School District AHERA Notification

In 1987 The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publicized the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) under Title 40 Part 763, Subpart E of the Code of Federal Regulations. This rule required local education agencies (LEAs) to identify friable and non-friable asbestos-containing material (ACM) in public and private elementary and secondary schools by visually inspecting school buildings for such materials, sampling such materials if they are not assumed to be ACM, and having samples analyzed by appropriate techniques referred to in this rule.

In keeping with this legislation, the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District was inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and a comprehensive management plan was developed for handling asbestos containing building material in a safe and responsible manner. This plan was originally developed and submitted to the Commonwealth.

The Unionville-Chadds Ford School District conducts follow-up inspections annually and when changes occur to ACMs the Asbestos Management Plan is updated accordingly. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review at District Office.

All custodial and maintenance workers are required by law to be familiar with the contents of the plan for their particular facility and to have received asbestos awareness training. Asbestos awareness training sessions are arranged at regular intervals through the maintenance department. All other faculty, staff and parents are encouraged to refer to the management plan if they should have any questions regarding the identification or location of any asbestos containing material within a school.

Questions related to the plan should be directed to:

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