

ANNUAL PARENT NOTIFICATIONS

Minnesota Statute requires we provide annual notification to parents of Austin Public School students of the topics below. If you have any questions, please use the contact number found in the notice. Full copies of these notices are also found under “District Publications” on the district website at www.austin.k12.mn.us.

LEAD-IN-WATER ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

Minnesota Statute 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving kindergarten through grade 12 to test for lead in water every 5 years. This statute also requires school districts to make the results of the testing available to the public for review and to notify parents of the availability of the information. Notification may be accomplished by publishing a statement in the “Back to School” newsletter or publication that is available to staff, student, parents and the public.

Austin Public Schools is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for employees and students. The district has developed a lead in water management plan and testing program that complies with Minnesota Statute 121A.335, as well as recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA) of 1988 and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

For more information on Austin Public Schools lead reduction and testing program, please contact the Director of Facility Services at 507-460-1928.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

Austin Public Schools has an indoor air quality management plan that outlines specific policies and procedures used in district to address indoor air quality issues. The District Health and Safety Committee chaired by the Director of Facility Services (507-460-1928) and Institute for Environmental Assessment, the district’s health and safety consultant, review the plan annually. If you have any questions concerning indoor air quality or would like to use the EPA’s Tools for Schools checklists, please contact the Director of Facility Services.

AHERA (ASBESTOS) ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

During the past school year and continuing into the 2020-2021 school year, the following asbestos management plan activities have been or are currently being completed. These activities are pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency 40 CFR Part 763- “Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools; Final Rule and Notice.”

- Two (2) Semi-Annual Periodic Surveillance Inspections
- Abatement Projects – Annex Building, Sumner Elementary, Neveln Elementary, Woodson Kindergarten Center
- Immediate response items from the Semi-Annual Periodic Surveillance Inspections
- Notification of Asbestos Locations for Short-Term Workers (Electricians, Plumbers, etc.)
- Training of District Personnel

All work was completed by licensed asbestos abatement contractors. Most likely, for the next school year, we will be removing floor tile. Austin Public Schools has contracted with the Institute for Environmental Assessment to provide environmental consulting services.

The complete updated Asbestos Management Plan for Austin Public Schools can be found in the Buildings and Grounds office or in the Administrative Office at each of the school facilities. The Management Plan can be viewed, without cost or restriction, during normal working hours. Copies can be obtained for a fee of \$.10 per page.

Any questions concerning this notice or an explanation of our Asbestos Management Plan can be directed to the Director of Facility Services at 507-460-1928.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (PESTICIDE) ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

All MN schools are required to inform parents/guardians and school employees that they may request to be notified prior to pesticide application on school property. Pesticides include chemicals which are used to control insects, weeds, rodents or other pests as defined by the law (M.S.121A.30, Subd.9). To be notified about pesticide applications or any other questions you have regarding the District's pest management practices, please contact the Director of Facility Services at 507-460-1928.

Tentative schedules for application of weed control chemicals and pesticide treatments are kept in the Buildings & Grounds Office.