

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule (the AHERA Rule), to protect students and employees from exposure to asbestos, Parma School District No. 137 adopts the following asbestos management plan for the maintenance, inspection, and removal of asbestos-containing materials in the district's school buildings.

BUILDING INSPECTION

A periodic surveillance of asbestos-containing building materials will be performed in all district buildings every six (6) months. A complete re-inspection of all buildings containing asbestos will be completed every three (3) years.

REMOVAL

Asbestos that has been identified will pose little risk if it is well maintained under an operations and maintenance program. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) only requires asbestos removal to prevent significant public exposure to airborne asbestos fibers during building demolition or renovation activities. If removal of asbestos during renovation is warranted or a school building will be demolished, the district will comply with the Asbestos National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP).

RECORDKEEPING

The district and each school administrative office will maintain a complete, updated copy of its asbestos management plan. The plan will document recommended asbestos response actions, the location of any asbestos within the school, and any action taken to repair and remove the material.

Asbestos management plan records will include:

- The name and address of each school building and whether the building has asbestos-containing building material, and the type of asbestos-containing material;
- The date of the original school inspection;
- The plan for re-inspections;
- Blueprints that clearly identify the location of asbestos-containing building materials that remain in the school;
- A description of any response action or preventive measures taken to reduce asbestos exposure;
- A copy of the analysis of any building, and the name and address of any laboratory that sampled the material;

- The name, address, and telephone number of the district’s designated person or contact to ensure the duties of the district are carried out; and
- A description of steps taken to inform workers, parents/guardians, teachers, and employee organizations about inspections, re-inspections, response actions, and periodic surveillance.

These records will be kept by the district for the duration of building ownership and will be transferred to any successive owners.

TRAINING

All district maintenance and custodial staff will be provided with asbestos awareness training. All individuals working on asbestos related activities will be trained and accredited in accordance with EPA standards.

REVIEW

The district will maintain and update its asbestos management plan to keep it current with ongoing operations and maintenance, periodic surveillance, inspection, reinspection, and response action activities.

ANNUAL NOTICE

The district will provide written annual notification to parents/guardians, teachers, and employee organizations on the availability of the school's asbestos management plan and any asbestos-related actions taken or planned in the school.

Additionally, the district will provide each student and parent/guardian with a copy of this policy at the time of enrollment through publication in the student handbook, and by posting on the district website.

PLAN INSPECTION

The public has the right to inspect the asbestos management plan. The plan will be available for inspection during regular business hours at the district office or school administrative office(s). The district and its schools may charge a reasonable cost to make copies of the management plan. The district will make the plan available for inspection within five (5) working days of a request for such inspection.

DISTRICT CONTACT

The AHERA Rule requires schools to appoint an asbestos management coordinator, called the “AHERA designated person,” to be responsible for asbestos-related activities within the district. The person in Parma School District No. 137 who is responsible for ensuring that each school is in compliance with this policy is:

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The AHERA designated person is responsible for asbestos-related activities within the district, including inspecting school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials; notifying parents and staff regarding management plan availability; providing asbestos awareness training to school maintenance and custodial workers; developing, implementing and updating asbestos management plans; taking appropriate response actions; and complying with AHERA’s record-keeping requirements.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), 15 U.S.C. II, et seq., as amended.
40 CFR Part 763, Subpart E – Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule

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