

Saint Paul Public Schools 2017 Short-term Radon Testing Results

In February 2017, the buildings listed in the table below were tested for radon. Radon is a naturally occurring colorless and odorless gas that can enter school buildings from the underlying soil and build up to levels that are unsafe. Pursuant Minnesota State Statute 123B.571, school districts shall do routine radon testing a minimum of every five years and after major HVAC renovation work. All SPPS buildings were tested for radon in winter 2013/2014. This round of testing was conducted because of recent major renovations in the buildings listed below that may have an impact on radon levels.

Below are the results of the radon testing that was conducted in February. All areas tested were below the threshold at which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends additional investigation and mitigation (4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L)). No additional action is necessary at this time.

Saint Paul Public Schools – 2017 Radon Testing – Range of Results					
School	Total Samples	Passing			Additional Testing/ Mitigation
		0.0 – 1.9 pCi/L	2.0 – 2.9 pCi/L	3.0 – 3.9 pCi/L	≥ 4 pCi/L
Chester Street Bus Garage	10	10			
Baker Center (Cherokee Heights)	5	5			
Creative Arts	45	37	5	3	
Galtier	37	31	6		
Nokomis North	38	38			
Open World Learning	50	50			
RiverEast	21	21			

pCi/L: picocuries per liter