

# Health & Safety: Asbestos, Pesticide, Lead and IAQ Notifications

To: Parents and Employees of Cambridge-Isanti Schools  
From: Independent School District #911  
Date: 2024-2025 School Year  
Subject: ANNUAL HEALTH & SAFETY NOTIFICATIONS

## Asbestos

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires that each school district notify workers and building occupants annually regarding asbestos-related activities. Until the late seventies, asbestos was commonly used in commercial and residential building materials such as floor tile, fire-proofing spray, and thermal system insulation used on pipes, tanks, and boilers.

Our school buildings are inspected for asbestos-containing materials every three years according to AHERA protocol, using state accredited inspectors, to ensure that these materials are maintained in a safe condition. The last Three-Year inspection was conducted in May 2022 and is scheduled to be completed again in May 2025.

AHERA also requires that the District conduct periodic surveillance inspections every six months to evaluate the condition of asbestos-containing materials. Management plans are continually updated and are available for review upon request.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Minnesota Department of Education has recommended that asbestos-containing materials (ACM) be maintained in-place whenever possible. Therefore, the District has limited its asbestos removal to areas where renovation or maintenance activities are planned. There is currently no planned asbestos abatement for the 2021-2022 school year.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact the District's Asbestos Designated Person, Chris Wilmot, at 763-689-6211.

## Indoor Air Quality

The District has developed an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Management Plan which contains information for concerned parents and staff regarding the air quality in the school. This management plan also contains plans for addressing any known issues and locations where more information can be obtained. Per the requirements of the Department of Education, Cambridge-Isanti Public Schools is notifying all staff and parents that the IAQ Coordinator is Travis Evenson, who can be reached at 763-689-6211. Please contact the IAQ Coordinator if you should have any questions, concerns, or would like to view the IAQ Management Plan.

Additional information about Indoor Air Quality, including parental checklists for at home, can be found on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools>.

## **Cambridge-Isanti School District #911 General Notice for School Employees and Parents**

A Minnesota state law went into effect in the year 2000 that requires schools to inform school employees and parents if they apply pesticides on school property.

Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to employees and parents for review or copying at each school's office. Although not required by the law, schools may choose to include a copy of the estimated schedule of pesticide applications with this general notice. The prospective dates for applications in Cambridge-Isanti School District for the 2021-2022 School Year are during the weeks of:

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| ● July 3rd-7th, 2023                                  | ● January 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024  |
| ● July 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023      | ● February 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 |
| ● September 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023 | ● March 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024    |
| ● October 9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023    | ● April 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024     |
| ● October 23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023   | ● May 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024       |
| ● November 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023  | ● May 13 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024      |
| ● December 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023  | ● June 10 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024     |

State law also requires that employees and parents be informed that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood.

Cambridge-Isanti School District is continuing to work closely with its health and safety resources to ensure compliance with integrated pest management. If you have further questions, I can be reached at 763-689-6211.

Sincerely,  
Chris Wilmot, Director of Buildings and Grounds

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### **Request for Pesticide Notification Cambridge-Isanti Public Schools**

I understand that the school will make available an estimated schedule of pesticide applications for review and copying at the school office. Should a pesticide application be scheduled at a time different from the days specified in the original schedule, I would like to be notified. The form below must be returned by October 1, 2023.

I would prefer to be notified by (circle one):

**US MAIL**

**E-MAIL**

**Please print neatly:**

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return To:** Stephanie Guzy, Assistant to Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Cambridge-Isanti Public Schools, 625A Main Street North Cambridge, MN 55008