

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:

- June 24th-30th, 2024
- July 8th-14th, 2024
- July 22nd-28th, 2024
- September 23rd-29th, 2024
- October 7th-18th, 2024
- October 14th-20th, 2024
- November 11th-17th, 2024
- March 10th-16th, 2025
- April 7th-13th, 2025
- April 21st-27th, 2025
- May 2th-11th, 2025
- May 19th-25th, 2025
- May 26th-30th, 2025
- June 9th-15th, 2025

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

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, 2024.

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 Schools, 625A Main Street North Cambridge, MN 55008