



ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT (AHERA)

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing materials. In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed prior to the late 1970's contains at least some asbestos materials. Intact and undisturbed, asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems.

AHERA regulations required an Asbestos Management Plan to be in place by July of 1989. The Conestoga Valley School District developed an AHERA plan, which has been continually updated as required under the law. Every three (3) years, the District has conducted a re-inspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) have changed in order to ensure the proper handling of the ACBM. During the last inspection, all materials listed in the Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) as asbestos containing were inspected and found to be in good condition.

This notice is to inform the parents, teachers and building occupants in the Conestoga Valley School District that the School District has maintained its AHERA Management Plan and Periodic Surveillance as stipulated in the Environmental Protection Agency's AHERA Section 763.84 regulation. The updated information concerning the AMP is available for review at the Conestoga Valley Service Center, 160 Newport Road, Leola, PA 17540.

Questions regarding the Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) may be directed to the District Asbestos Program Coordinator. To view the plan, please call 717-656-2601 in advance. Photocopies of the plan are available at the rate of \$0.25 per copied page.

It is the intention of the Conestoga Valley School District to comply with all federal and state regulations and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students, parents, and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.