



September 24, 2024
Twin Cities International Schools
277 12th Ave N
Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55401

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our school system protects the health of students, teachers, and staff. To protect our community, Twin Cities International Schools tests our schools' drinking water for lead as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.335 Lead in School Drinking Water (<https://revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=121A.335>).

Why Test School Drinking Water for Lead?

There is no known safe level of lead exposure. Children younger than six years old are most at risk due to their rapid rate of growth and ongoing brain development. Exposure to lead can cause damage to the brain, nervous system, red blood cells, and kidneys. Lead also has the potential to cause lower IQs, hearing impairments, reduced attention span, hyperactivity, developmental delays, and poor classroom performance. Pregnant women and their fetuses are especially vulnerable to lead exposure since lead can significantly harm the fetus, causing lower birth weight and slowing normal mental and physical development.

Is Our School's Drinking Water Safe?

Yes, our schools' water is safe. Twin Cities International Schools tested our drinking water for lead. We tested 13 drinking water taps and found 0 requiring action based on our school testing plan. Our school has taken the following steps to reduce lead exposure: cold water for drinking and food preparation, flushing/running the water for at least 30 seconds if a fixture hasn't been used for a couple of days, occasionally cleaning any faucet aerators, replacing any water filters. We will do follow-up testing to ensure these actions reduce lead in our schools. The next time we will test for lead is 2026.

How Can I Learn More?

You can see a copy of all our water testing results at the school district's central office and on our website at <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1727185170/twincitiesinternationalschoolorg/sukeqwj6mfz2x1upbut/TwinCiti tiesInternationalSchoolsResults.pdf>. For more information about water quality in our schools, don't hesitate to get in touch with Ismail Ahmed (ismaila@iecmail.net 612-465-8407). For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or state drinking water agency. You may find additional information about lead at:

MDH Lead Program (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/index.html>)

Sincerely,

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Executive Director