

MACCRAY Public Schools
2024-2025

Annual Integrated Pest Management Pesticide Notification

MACCRAY Public Schools uses a licensed, professional pest control service firm for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district's buildings.

Pests can sting, bite, cause contamination, damage property, and spread disease; therefore, we must prevent their presence and control them as necessary. The district or outside contractors may also apply herbicides on district properties, as deemed necessary.

The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides may not be fully understood. All pest control materials are chosen and applied according to labeling directions per Federal law.

To limit the potential pesticide exposure, the district follows safety regulations to ensure pesticides are applied properly. All pesticide products, which are used in and around school buildings, are required to be registered with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, school employees and certified and licensed applicators are required by state and federal law to comply with all requirements of the pesticide label, including building sites, application rates, re-entry intervals, posting, use of personal protective equipment, use restrictions, and disposal on the product label. An estimated schedule of pesticide applications is available for review or copying at the district office.

To be notified about pesticide applications or the management plan, please contact Noel Emkes, Buildings and Grounds Director, 320-847-2154.

AHERA Annual Asbestos Notification

As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act-AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building material. As a matter of policy, MACCRAY Public Schools shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees. The MACCRAY School Board policy indicates that water at MACCRAY Public Schools will be tested for lead content in all three building sites annually. If parents, staff, or students have any questions or concerns, please contact Noel Emkes, Director of Buildings and Grounds, 320-847-2154.

Indoor Air Quality Annual Notification

MACCRAY Public Schools has an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Management Plan. The management plan outlines specific policies and procedures that will be used in the district to address indoor air quality issues. IEA, the District's health and safety consultant, completes annual IAQ assessments within the school to ensure proper air quality.

If you have any questions concerning IAQ, or would like to use the EPA Tools for Schools checklists, please contact the District IAQ coordinator:

Noel Emkes at 320- 847-2154

Lead-in-Water Annual Notification: 2024-2025 School Year

Minnesota Statute 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving pre-kindergarten through grade 12 to test for lead in water every 5 years. This Statute also requires school districts to make the results of the testing available to the public for review and notify parents of the availability of the information. Notification may be accomplished by publishing a statement in the "Student Handbook" newsletter or publication this is available to staff, students, parents and the public. MACCRAY Public Schools have historically conducted and continues to conduct Lead in Drinking Water testing per the Minnesota Department of Health guidelines.

MACCRAY Public Schools is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for employees and students. The district has developed a Lead in Water management plan and testing program that complies with the Minnesota Statute 121A.335, as well as Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)

For more information on MACCRAY Public Schools lead reduction program and testing results, please contact Josh Austad, Superintendent at (320) 847-2154. It is also available on the District Website.