

Lead-in-Water Annual Notification

2025-2026

Mesabi East Public Schools is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for employees and students. The District maintains a lead-in-water management plan that was developed to reduce the potential for exposure to lead in water and to comply with Minnesota State Statute 121A.335.

Minnesota State Statutes 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving pre-kindergarten and kindergarten through grade 12 to establish a plan to accurately and efficiently test for lead in potable water sources every five years. In addition to testing, the District has also implemented water management practices as well.

Our water testing is completed by a third party vendor, utilizing an accredited laboratory and was last completed in 2022, therefore, testing is required again in 2027.

Should remediation be necessary due to elevated levels of lead, the District would look at various options, depending on the circumstances. Remediation options could include taking a fixture out of service, labeling a fixture as non-potable, cleaning/replacing the aerator, replacing the fixture, etc. If remediation is necessary based on testing results, the District will notify parents/guardians and staff if efforts to remediate take longer than 30 days. Minnesota Department of Health recommends that everyone always use cold water for food preparation and drinking, since hot water can release more lead from pipes than cold water.

The District will continue to publish this annual notification regarding lead-in-water and the lead-in-water management plan is available on the District website, which can be located in the [student handbook](#).

Should you want more information, have questions or concerns relating to the District processes, should contact Jon Ridlon. If you have questions regarding your personal health concerns, please contact your healthcare provider.