



An Introduction to 2026 WWS Air Quality Tests

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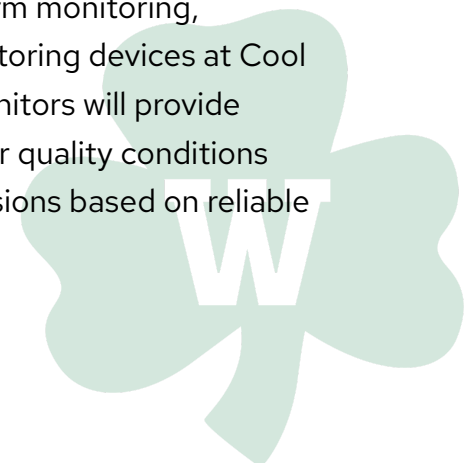
Dear Shamrock Community,

As we prepared to open Cool Creek Elementary School for the 2026–27 school year, we received questions from some parents about outdoor air quality, particularly because of the school's proximity to U.S. 31. We initially consulted with the experts at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), whose mission is to protect human health and the environment through the regulation of air, water, and land resources. Rather than rely on assumptions or speculation, we also engaged an independent environmental consultant to conduct air quality testing at both Cool Creek and Oak Trace Elementary Schools.

Our goal was straightforward: to gather objective data from a qualified expert so we could make informed decisions based on facts. We also asked the consultant to compare the two school sites and evaluate the results within the context of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Air Quality Index (AQI) standards.

The Executive Summary and Full Report contain the consultant's final findings. Overall, the study concluded that there is **not a substantial difference in air quality between the two schools** and that, while additional long-term monitoring could provide more information, the testing did **not** identify evidence of an immediate health concern. The report also explains several factors that influenced the results, including the intentionally conservative testing locations and methods used during the study.

Based on the consultant's recommendation for additional long-term monitoring, Westfield Washington Schools will install real-time air quality monitoring devices at Cool Creek, Oak Trace, and Maple Glen Elementary Schools. These monitors will provide ongoing data that we can review over time to better understand air quality conditions around our schools and ensure we continue making informed decisions based on reliable information.





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Westfield Washington Schools is committed to providing safe learning environments for our students and staff. When questions arise, we believe the best approach is to seek expert guidance, share information transparently, and make decisions grounded in credible science and data.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

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