Asbestos Update

September 2026

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). This law required all K-12 schools to be inspected for asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM). Asbestos was a widely used building material for years until the late 1970's and is not a hazard providing it is in a condition where it has not been damaged to cause asbestos fibers to be released into the air. These inspections were completed and the plan for all ACBM management was filed with the State of Oregon's Department of Education in 1988. A copy of the management plan for each school containing any asbestos is on file in the main office of each respective school and at the District office. The remaining materials identified in those inspections are currently in good condition. Scappoose School District has the responsibility for managing asbestos and will continue to do so as appropriate and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

One of the compliance requirements under AHERA is a re-inspection every three years and periodic surveillance every six months. Our most recent re-inspection was completed October of 2023 by PBS Engineering and Enviromental and the next will be due in 2026.

We make a conscientious effort to ensure that all our maintenance staff and contractors have the appropriate training for working in proximity to these materials. All of our Scappoose School District Building Maintenance Technicians have their Operations and Maintenance Level III Certifications and receive formal annual refresher training. All Custodians receive annual Asbestos Awareness Training in order to be able to assist in identifying potential hazards as well as to ensure they know when a potential fiber release warrants a more highly qualified crew to become involved in a clean-up effort.

If you have any questions related to this notice, please contact the Facilities Department at 971-200-8000.

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