

On July 1, 2022, Iowa House File 2412 was enacted. This law requires radon testing and mitigation in public schools and radon resistant construction techniques used in any new construction projects. This act adds a new section, 280.32 Radon testing and mitigation, to Iowa Code 280, Uniform School Requirements. This code is administered by the Iowa Department of Education. This new law requires the school board to establish a radon plan and schedule for testing. It further requires that each attendance center in a school district must be tested for radon at least once prior to July 1, 2027, and at least once every 5 years thereafter. The new law also requires the posting of the plan, and test results on the school website.

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In order to continue to comply with this new law, the Alta-Aurelia Board will adopt and implement the following plan.

- 1. The School Board will appoint the current and/or any future Director of Buildings and Grounds to be in charge of and implement all testing and mitigation necessary to comply with Iowa Code.*
- 2. Alta-Aurelia Schools will then contract and schedule an outside firm who employs an Iowa Certified Radon Measurement Specialist to complete the required testing or do the testing with our own employees who have been properly trained and/or certified.*
- 3. Alta-Aurelia will schedule testing to be performed on the following schedule.*
 - Aurelia Elementary, Spring of 2028*
 - Alta-Aurelia Middle School, Spring of 2028*
 - Alta Elementary, Spring of 2029*
 - Alta-Aurelia High School(s), Spring of 2029*
 - Alta-Aurelia School buildings will continue a 5 year testing schedule following our initial testing.*
 - Alta-Aurelia Schools will post the plan and all test results to the school website as required.*
 - Alta-Aurelia Schools will follow up on any testing that indicates radon levels above 4 pCi/L by contacting an Iowa credentialed Radon Mitigation Specialist to develop a radon mitigation plan that may include further diagnostic testing, corrective measures, and active mitigation.*
 - If mitigation is required, it will be completed within two years of the first test showing elevated radon levels.*
 - Alta-Aurelia Schools will incorporate radon resistant construction techniques into future building projects.*