



Irvington Grade School

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Dear Irvington School District: Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our school, Irvington Grade School tests our schools' drinking water for lead. Why Test School Drinking Water for Lead? High levels of lead in drinking water can cause health problems. Lead is most dangerous for pregnant women, infants, and children under 6 years old. Exposure to high levels of lead during pregnancy contributes to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect hearing, reduce attention span, and hurt school performance. At very high levels, lead can even cause brain damage.

To protect public health, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) suggests that schools and day care facilities test their drinking water for lead. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 5 parts per billion (ppb), IEPA recommends taking action to reduce the lead.

Is Our School's Drinking Water Safe? Yes, our schools' water is safe. Irvington School District tested our drinking water for lead. Of the seven (7) water samples we tested, only one (1) showed lead levels above the 5 ppb mark. In other words, 86% of the water outlets tested did not have any lead problems.

The outlet with high lead levels was a drinking water fountain at Irvington School across from the office and closest to the restroom. We have developed a water management plan to address the problem. We set a schedule for manual flushing of the fountain on a daily basis, continue to monitor the situation, and make adjustments or replace as needed.

Additional information can be found at:

www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/201509/documents/toolkit_leadschools_guide_3ts_lead_schools.pdf

How Can I Learn More? You can see a copy of all of our water testing results at the school office and on our Web site at (www.irvingtongradeschool.com). For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Irvington Grade School 249-6439. For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or state drinking water agency.

Sincerely,

David Schulte
Superintendent