

## **Required Water Sample Testing for Lead - 2020**

In September 2016, a state law went into effect that requires all public school districts to test water for lead. The law requires school districts to sample all water outlets currently or potentially used for drinking or cooking purposes in buildings that may be occupied by students and to submit those samples to a state-approved lab for analysis. The regulations called for testing to take place again in 2020, and every five years thereafter.

The state established an action level of 15 micrograms of lead per liter, typically referred to as “parts per billion (ppb).” If a sample from a water outlet exceeds this level, schools must take steps to prevent the use of the outlet for drinking or cooking purposes until it is remediated and followed-up testing confirms it is no longer above the action level.

School districts are required to report the results of all water testing to the State Department of Health, the State Education Department and the local health department, and to post the results on the official district website. Our results are as follows: of the 179 samples tested, only 7 showed levels higher than the EPA’s action level of 0.15 mg/l. That means that 96.09% of the water levels tested did not show evidence any lead problems.

To obtain a complete report of the results, please contact the District Office at 315-895-7781.

Thank you.

Joseph Palmer  
Superintendent of Schools