

Crookston Public Schools

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Dear Parent,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community, Crookston Public Schools tests our schools' drinking water for lead as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.335 [Lead in School Drinking Water](https://revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=121A.335) (<https://revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=121A.335>).

Why Test School Drinking Water for Lead?

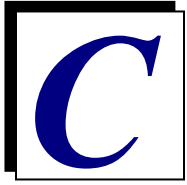
There is no known safe level of lead exposure. Children younger than six years old are most at risk due to their rapid rate of growth and ongoing brain development. Exposure to lead can cause damage to the brain, nervous system, red blood cells, and kidneys. Lead also has the potential to cause lower IQs, hearing impairments, reduced attention span, hyperactivity, developmental delays, and poor classroom performance. Pregnant women and their fetuses are especially vulnerable to lead exposure since lead can significantly harm the fetus, causing lower birth weight and slowing normal mental and physical developments.

Is Our School's Drinking Water Safe?

Yes, our school's water is safe. Crookston Public Schools tested our drinking water for lead. We tested 50 drinking water taps and found 0 requiring action based on our school testing plan. To reduce lead exposure, our school has taken the following steps: No action required. To ensure these actions remain effective at reducing lead in our schools, we will do follow-up testing. The next time we will test for lead is 2028.

Lead in drinking water typically represents very low exposure and does not typically require medical intervention or blood lead testing. If a parent has a concern about lead exposure, they should talk to their health care provider to determine if additional steps are needed. The priority is reducing exposure by reducing lead at the tap.

- Elevated blood lead is rarely caused by drinking water sources.
- Exposure to lead paint and dust are the most common causes of elevated blood lead levels.



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How Can I Learn More?

You can see a copy of all our water testing results at the school district's central office and on our website at www.crookston.k12.mn.us . For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Rick Niemela at Crookston Public Schools, at 218-281-5444 [/rickniemela@isd593.org](mailto:rickniemela@isd593.org) . For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or state drinking water agency. You may find additional information about lead at [MDH Lead Program \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/index.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/index.html).

Sincerely,

Randy Bruer
Superintendent