

SAFE SCHOOL DRINKING WATER

I. PURPOSE

To ensure that drinking water in school facilities is safe.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all District school facilities. For the purpose of this policy “school facilities” shall apply to District school locations and early childhood centers.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

The Board of the Shelby County Schools believes that clean, healthy water in its schools is essential for the well-being of students and staff. It is therefore the policy of the Board to implement a program to reduce the potential sources of lead contamination in drinking water in District school facilities.

A. Mandatory Testing

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall test lead levels in drinking water sources at school facilities in accordance with applicable federal, state and District guidance.

B. Notification

In the event the result of a lead level test exceeds state and federal safe standards, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall provide notification to the Board within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the test results. Notification to other governmental entities and parents shall be provided as required by law and/or District guidance.

C. Recordkeeping

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall maintain records of all tests conducted on water sources at school facilities in accordance with applicable law.

D. Training

Training for staff shall be provided as deemed appropriate.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that this policy is followed.

Legal References:

1. T.C.A. 49-2-133

Cross References:

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General Guidelines

A. Testing

Sample testing of drinking water sources shall be conducted, at a minimum, every two (2) years at school facilities constructed prior to January 1, 1998. Additional testing shall be required if results reveal lead levels exceeding fifteen parts per billion (15 ppb).

1. **Greater than fifteen parts per billion (15 ppb) but less than twenty parts per billion (20 ppb)** Subsequent sample testing shall be conducted on an annual basis until retesting confirms that the level is less than fifteen parts per billion (15 ppb).
2. **Equal to or exceeds twenty parts per billion (20 ppb)**
Sample testing that is equal to or exceeds twenty parts per billion (20 ppb) shall be immediately removed from service and remain unavailable for use until subsequent retesting confirms the lead level of water from the source does not exceed twenty parts per billion (20 ppb).

The lead level of the drinking water source removed from service shall be retested within ninety (90) days of any corrective action taken.

B. Recordkeeping

Records maintained by the District, at minimum, shall consist of sample water testing procedures, testing results, and remediation if taken.

C. Notification

Notification of testing results equal to or exceeding twenty parts per billion (20 ppb) shall be provided within twenty-four (24) hours to the (1) Board of the Shelby County Schools in accordance with policy; (2) department of education, commissioner of environment and conservation, and commissioner of health ([notification form](#)); and (3) local department of health.

Within five (5) business days of receiving such results, notification shall be provided to the parents, students, and staff at the school and identified corrective actions to be taken. Paper and/or electronic communication shall be utilized as deemed appropriate.