



HAWK PRIDE

# SUCCESS R-VI SCHOOL

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## LEAD TESTING OF SCHOOL DRINKING WATER

The Missouri Legislature passed the Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act that set standards for lead concentrations in school drinking water and laid out school responsibilities in terms of sampling, reporting and remediation. Schools are required to conduct lead content testing on water outlets used for drinking, food preparation, cooking, or cleaning cooking utensils. Schools are not required to test water outlets primarily used for other purposes, such as hand washing.

Success School recently completed the required testing using our sampling and testing contractor, Environmental Works, and Pace Analytical Services.

In total, we tested 17 separate outlets. All of our mandatory, required tested samples such as food prep, cooking cleaning or drinking came back within and well below legal limits.

Only 2 of our voluntarily (not required) samples tested elevated and were hand washing sinks in non student bathroom areas, with one of those being in an employee only area. Per guidance, these 2 faucets will be replaced per the recommendation of our testing company. Once replaced, those 2 hand washing sinks will be tested again to determine if they have lead levels under the new allowable limit.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) currently has a drinking water lead limit of 15 parts per billion. However, the new Missouri law limits school drinking water to 5 parts per billion. Our highest result of 8.9 parts per billion was over the Missouri limit but well below the EPA limit. Upon receiving the results, those 2 faucets were shut down for replacement and then immediately retested. If you would like to learn more about lead, the health effects of lead, and how you can test your home, the following sites contain additional information:

<https://health.mo.gov/living/environment/lead/>

<https://www.epa.gov/lead>

<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/default.htm>

If you have any questions about our district lead testing, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephanie McKinney