

Lead in Water Program

The State directs all schools to have a testing and reporting protocol for identifying lead in drinking water.

Purpose

The district goal is to provide lead safe drinking water sources throughout the building. This will include identification of water sources that are considered drinking sources and testing and follow-up procedures.

Methodology

This program follows guidelines identified by the Minnesota Department of Health. The program identifies potable water sources.

Protocol

- Water samples from each of the identified sources is collected and tested.
- The water is the “first draw” of water from the fixture.
- The sample is sent to an approved testing facility.
- Test results should be at or below 20 parts per billion (ppb).
- All drinking sources should be sampled every five years, however in Esko we sample specific potable sources yearly.

Measures to address lead in water testing and results

The Esko School District has implemented many measures to address lead in the water. These measures include:

- replaced the original water tank with a new tank.
- Refurbished one of the original wells
- Cleaned and upgraded the water treatment equipment and filters
- Replaced the water lines and fixtures in Winterquiest Elementary School and Lincoln Addition.
- Head Custodian has been certified as a water specialist

Results

- All of the areas tested for lead fell below the 20 ppb level, as identified by the Minnesota Department of Health.
- All of our water sources tested have been approved for drinking and cooking.
- The full results can be reviewed by contacting the Superintendent of Schools.