

160.077 RSMo Get the lead out of school drinking water act

Important excerpts from the law

“Beginning in the 2023-24 school year and for each subsequent school year, each school shall provide drinking water with a lead concentration level below five parts per billion in sufficient amounts to meet the drinking water needs of all students and staff as provided in this section.

On or before January 1, 2024, each school shall:

Before August 1, 2024, or the first day on which students will be present in the building, whichever is later, and annually thereafter, each school shall conduct testing for lead by first-draw and follow-up flush samples of a random sampling of at least twenty-five percent of remediated drinking water outlets until all remediated sources have been tested as recommended by the 2018 version of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Training, Testing, and Taking Action program. The testing shall be conducted and the results analyzed for both types of tests by an entity or entities approved by the department.

Conduct an inventory of all drinking water outlets and all outlets that are used for dispensing water for cooking or for cleaning cooking and eating utensils in each of the school's buildings;

A school that tests and does not find a drinking water source with a lead concentration above the acceptable level as described in subsection 3 of this section shall be required to test only every five years.”

Fairview R-11 School proactively acted ahead of the requirements of the “Get the lead out” law and tested the water sources for Fairview Elementary in February 2023. We are happy to report that ALL of our sources of drinking water and food preparation water came in under the 5 parts per BILLION threshold. This is the most stringent requirement that has been set to meet and we have met this requirement. Fairview Elementary School will be required to test again by February of 2028. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact the school at 417-256-3868.

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