

On The Alert!

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Attention: ASCIP Members
Affected Department(s): Risk Management, Admin, Teacher & Staff
Applicability: K-12 Districts and Charter Schools

LEAD IN DRINKING WATER: AB 746 IMPLICATIONS FOR K-12 DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS

[Assembly Bill 746](#) adds section 116277 to the California Health and Safety Code which requires a community water system that serves a school site or charter school with a building constructed on or modernized before January 1, 2010 to test for lead in the potable water system. Districts or charter schools must allow the testing to occur at each school site on or before July 1, 2019. When lead levels exceed 15 parts per billion (ppb), districts and charter schools shall:

1. Allow the community water system to test a water sample from the point where the school site connects to the community water system's supply network. This will help determine the lead level of the water entering the school site from the community water system's supply network.
2. Notify the parents and guardians of the pupils who attend school at the site where elevated lead levels were found.
3. Make inoperable or shut down all fountains and faucets where the excess lead levels exist. Further testing may be required to determine if additional fountains and faucets need to be shut down.
3. Provide potable source of drinking water to students at each school site where fountains or faucets have been shut down. This may include, but is not limited to, replacing pipes or fixtures that are contributing to the elevated lead levels, providing onsite water filtration, or providing bottled water as a short-term remedy.
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEAD TESTING

ASCIPI recommends that Districts develop a sampling plan in coordination with the community water system. Districts may request assistance from the state board or any local health agency responsible for regulating community water systems in developing the plan.

Once this plan is approved by the district's or charter school's trustees, implement it immediately and track the Commission on State Mandates' determinations with respect to state eligibility for AB 746 reimbursement.