



# Lead in School Drinking Water Program

The Washington State Legislature passed laws in 2021 that require lead testing of **all** drinking water outlets in public schools that were built, or had all plumbing replaced, before 2016. Initial testing is required by June 2026, and retesting is required every five years thereafter.

We partner with schools to sample and test drinking water, provide guidance on remediation, and assist with communicating the health effects of lead exposure. We test for lead to reduce exposure from school drinking water.



## SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS



### TEST

Partner with Department of Health or a contractor to sample and test drinking water.



### ACT

Develop an action plan for remediating outlets with elevated lead levels.



### COMMUNICATE

Communicate with students' families and staff about lead contamination in drinking water as required.

## get in TOUCH

### DOH provides:

- Sampling and testing to meet the legal requirements
- Action plan template
- Annual communication template
- Technical support

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