



POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of Facilities & Operations, 18 So. Perry St. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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1. Is the water safe?

Yes the water is safe. We utilize the past lead testing along with the Annual Water report from the City of Poughkeepsie, a public document, to make that determination.

2. When will the water be retested?

The water will be retested again starting January 2020. We will go building by building and obtain samples from all source points.

3. When will the broken fountains be replaced?

Water fountain replacement has begun and will continue to move forward as budget allows. We will most likely start replacing inoperable fountains in the High School next.

4. When was testing completed, and who did the testing?

Samples were taken in September 2016 as mandated. The analysis, which was provided by Smith Environmental Laboratory, were returned to the district October 2016.

5. How many water fountains tested above the limit for lead, and what are their locations?

This information is all found in the analysis sheets posted on the [District website](#).

6. How many other fixtures tested above the limit for lead? What are their locations?

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7. How many water fountains are not operable in each building?

Non-working fountains are as follows; PMS - 3, PHS - 5, Krieger - 0, Clinton - 2, Warring - 1, Morse - 0, Smith - 0, Columbus - 2.

8. Where will the new fountains be installed?

Currently we are starting in the Middle School with replacements and then move to the High School. Eventually ALL water fountains will be replaced with bottle filler units of a sturdier design than the current units that were installed around 2012

9. What should I and my children do (in terms of drinking water) until the water issue is addressed?

Currently the only water issue is replacement of water fountain units that are not functioning. All functioning water fountains are safe to drink from as far as lead issues and the supplied water.

10. What steps should I take if I suspect my child has had water from a contaminated fixture?

If drinking water is suspect, based upon displayed symptoms, you should contact your family physician.

11. Is the water used for school food preparation safe?

The water utilized for food preparation is deemed safe. Fixtures that had results showing more than the allowable limits of lead were either replaced with newer fixtures or marked with signage to reflect that no one should be obtaining drinking water from that fixture.

12. Will drinking water be provided at school until this issue is resolved?

Proper drinking water is being provided through all operating water fountains in the district.

13. Who can I contact if I have more questions?

For further information contact John Willabay, Director of Facilities at jwillaba@poughkeepsieschools.org