

Oceanside Union Free School District

Water Testing Background



As of 10/31/2016

As you may know, there have been reports of lead being found in water from fountains and sinks in schools across the country, including on Long Island. Our goal in Oceanside is to safeguard the health and well-being of our students and staff by ensuring that the drinking water in our buildings is safe. Therefore, the Oceanside School District voluntarily began water quality testing in all of our schools in May by utilizing JC Broderick, an independent environmental consultant.

All initial (Phase 1) sampling of high priority water outlets which are outlets used for cooking or drinking was performed, analyzed and reported to the District in September. The Phase 1 report containing results is posted to the website without building floor plans for security purposes. These reports are available to be reviewed in their entirety by making an appointment with the Oceanside UFSD Buildings & Grounds Department at 516-594-2333.

New legislation has now transferred jurisdiction of this matter from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the Department of Health (DOH) due to new regulations. More information can be found at: http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/child_care_providers.htm. The updated regulation not only required the sampling of high priority water outlets, but also required the sampling of all low and non-listed priority water outlets located on the school property. These are outlets that are not normally used for cooking or drinking, such as bathroom sinks, custodial slop sinks, science lab sinks, etc.

The school district began this Phase 2 sampling immediately in order to meet the strict deadline dates of the new regulation. Sampling began at the elementary schools and was completed in the OMS and HS. Unfortunately in order to meet the strict deadline dates, efforts were diverted from the Phase 1 retesting.

On the following page, please find a chart containing the most recent information available for the Oceanside UFSD:

Oceanside Union Free School District
Water Testing Progress Report

As of 10/31/2016



Building	Phase 1: Status
School 2	Re-testing of previously failed unit took place on 8/16 and failed again. District to install a water filter and then retest again. Fountain will remain turned off until deemed safe.
School 3	Re-testing of replacement units completed; one unit failed the re-test. District to install a water filter and then retest again. Fountain will remain turned off until deemed safe.
School 4	Testing complete; no issues.
School 5	Testing complete; no issues.
School 6 & Castleton HS	Re-testing of previously failed units took place on 8/16 and all failed again. One unit has been permanently abandoned and the District will install water filters on the remaining two units and then retest units again. Fountains will remain turned off until deemed safe.
School 7: Oceanside HS	Re-testing of previously failed unit took place on 8/16 and failed again. District to install a water filter and then retest again. Fountain will remain turned off until deemed safe.
School 8	Re-testing of previously failed units took place on 8/16 and all failed again. District will install water filters on the units and then retest units again. Fountains will remain turned off until deemed safe.
OMS/9E	Re-testing of previously failed units took place on 8/16 and three units failed again at OMS, while two out of three 9E units failed the retests. District will install water filters on the units and then retest the five units again. Fountains will remain turned off until deemed safe.

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Water Testing Progress Updates



Board of Education Meeting: May 10, 2016

DISTRICT-WIDE WATER TESTING

The Business Office has received proposals to test for lead in drinking water sources throughout the District. As seen on the news, higher levels of lead in other districts were found to be caused by refrigerated water fountains. It is important to note that these types of units were removed a number of years ago here in Oceanside; however, tests will be performed to ensure the safety of the drinking water. I will advise on test results as soon as they are available.

Website: June 2, 2016

Important Notice About Water Quality Testing in School Buildings

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In an abundance of caution, we are turning off some sources of water in our buildings as recommended by our Buildings and Grounds Department while we await the written report.

Board of Education Meeting: June 21, 2016

DISTRICT-WIDE WATER TESTING: Update

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Website: July 11, 2016

Update on Water Testing: District Website Posting

Website: August 16, 2016

Water Quality Testing Update: District Website Posting

Website: August 29, 2016

Water Quality Testing Update: District Website Posting

Board of Education Meeting: August 30, 2016

DISTRICT-WIDE WATER TESTING: Update

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Board of Education Meeting: September 14, 2016

DISTRICT-WIDE WATER TESTING: Update

Initial lead testing results have been posted to the District's website in our continuing effort to provide transparency and updates on this matter. At this point in time, we are waiting to receive results of re-tests conducted on water sources that initially came in positive for lead. These fixtures will remain turned off until they are safe to be activated once again.

Website: September 23, 2016

Water Testing Update: District Website Posting & Detailed Report posted.

Website: September 29, 2016

Water Testing Update: District Website Posting

Board of Education Meeting: October 19, 2016

Dr. Harrington provided commentary on District communication, remediation efforts and new regulations

Website: October 31, 2016

Water Testing Update: District Website Posting