



Vermilion Country School

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Lead Testing and Remediation Plan

2025–2026 School Year

1. Purpose

Vermilion Country School is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students and staff. This plan outlines the school's procedures for **testing drinking water for lead**, reporting results to families, and implementing **remediation actions** if elevated levels are detected, in compliance with Minnesota Statutes §121A.335 and related regulations.

2. Annual Testing Procedures

- **Testing Schedule:** All drinking water sources (fountains, kitchen taps, classroom sinks, etc.) are tested annually by August 31st.
 - **Testing Method:** Water samples are collected and analyzed by a certified laboratory following Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines.
 - **Responsible Party:** The Facilities Director, in coordination with the school administration, oversees testing and reporting.
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3. Reporting Test Results

- **Family Notification:** Families receive annual notification of test results via the school website.

- **Access to Results:** All testing results are published in the **NEWS** section of the school website.
 - **Interpretation:** Test results include information about safe levels of lead in drinking water and the steps the school has taken to ensure safety.
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4. Remediation Procedures

If any drinking water source exceeds the **EPA or MDH action level for lead:**

1. **Immediate Action:** The source is closed to prevent use until remediation is completed.
 2. **Flushing and Retesting:** The water source is flushed, and follow-up testing is performed.
 3. **Replacement or Repair:** Fixtures or plumbing contributing to elevated lead levels are replaced or repaired as needed.
 4. **Ongoing Monitoring:** Water sources are retested after remediation to confirm that lead levels are below the action threshold.
 5. **Family Communication:** Families are notified promptly of any elevated results and the steps taken to ensure safety. Elevated results will be defined by levels established by MN state health authorities and/or the EPA/MDH levels.
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5. Annual Updates

- This plan is reviewed and updated annually, with updates posted on the **school website** by **September 1 each year**
 - Updates include new test results, any remediation actions taken, and changes to testing protocols if required. Lead testing for Vermilion Country School will be completed by August 31st of each year.
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6. Contact Information

Families with questions or concerns regarding lead testing or remediation can contact:

Facilities Director / School Administrator

Vermilion Country School

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