

Dear High Point School Community,

Our school is committed to protecting the health of all our students and staff. As part of this commitment, we comply with NJ Department of Education regulations to regularly test our school's drinking water for lead.

Testing Results

The results of the most recent testing conducted by Omega Environmental Services on behalf of the Archdiocese of Newark (the owner of our school building) in September 2021 appear below:

- First draw (FD) and flush (FL) samples were collected at 14 sinks. Note that water fountains are to be
 included in water testings, but our building, jointly occupied by High Point School and St. Joseph School,
 has no water fountains to test.
- Likewise, the following outlets were not tested because they are not operational and therefore pose no threat to our school community:
 - o 2nd Floor Girls Bathroom Center Sink
 - o 2nd Floor Girls Bathroom Right Sink
 - o 2nd Floor Boys Bathroom Left Sink
 - 1st Floor Girls Bathroom Right Sink
 - Outside Water Spigot
- Of all tested outlets, a total of 5 FD and 1 FL samples resulted in levels greater than the action level of 15 μg/l (parts per billion [ppb]), as shown in the shaded lines of this table:

Sample #	Location Site	FD or FL?	Results (in ppb)	Actionable Level (in ppb)
01	2nd Floor Girls Bathroom Left Sink	FD	190	15
01	2nd Floor Girls Bathroom Left Sink	FL	20.6	15
02	2nd Floor Boys Bathroom Right Sink	FD	13.4	15
02	2nd Floor Boys Bathroom Right Sink	FL	NA	15
03	2nd Floor Teachers Lounge Room Sink	FD	15.7	15
03	2nd Floor Teachers Lounge Room Sink	FL	ND	15
04	2nd Floor Teachers Lounge Bathroom Sink	FD	3.83	15
04	2nd Floor Teachers Lounge Bathroom Sink	FL	NA	15
05	1st Floor Girls Bathroom Left Sink	FD	96.1	15
05	1st Floor Girls Bathroom Left Sink	FL	3.07	15
06	1st Floor Girls Bathroom Center Sink	FD	37.8	15
06	1st Floor Girls Bathroom Center Sink	FL	2.08	15
07	1st Floor Boys Bathroom Left Sink	FD	5.08	15
07	1st Floor Boys Bathroom Left Sink	FL	NA	15
08	1st Floor Boys Bathroom Right Sink	FD	9.07	15
08	1st Floor Boys Bathroom Right Sink	FL	NA	15
09	1st Floor Main Office Bathroom Sink	FD	4.53	15
09	1st Floor Main Office Bathroom Sink	FL	NA	15

Sample #	Location Site	FD or FL)	Results (in ppb)	Actionable Level (in ppb)
10	1st Floor Nurse's Office Bathroom Sink	FD	2.55	15
10	1st Floor Nurse's Office Bathroom Sink	FL	NA	15
11	1st Floor Nurse's Office Room Sink	FD	23.4	15
11	1st Floor Nurse's Office Room Sink	FL	3.85	15
12	Basement Girls Gym Bathroom Sink	FD	ND	15
12	Basement Girls Gym Bathroom Sink	FL	NA	15
13	Basement Boys Gym Bathroom Sink	FD	1.58	15
13	Basement Boys Gym Bathroom Sink	FL	NA	15
14	Basement Cafeteria Kitchen Sink	FD	1.04	15
14	Basement Cafeteria Kitchen Sink	FL	ND	15

Key: FD = First Draw Sample / FL = Flush Sample (30 seconds) / NA = Not Analyzed / ND = Analyte was not detected at the reporting limit

A full copy of the test results is available here: https://highpointschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Water-Screening 2021-Full-Report-with-Summary-Table.pdf.

Notes on Remedial Actions

- Note that remedial actions are called for only in the case of drinking water outlets with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]).
- Remedial measures include turning off the applicable outlets, unless they need to remain on for nondrinking purposes. In these cases, a "DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY" sign is to be posted.
- As such, signs have been (and have always been) posted alerting all school inhabitants that the building's sink water is not for drinking. The signage fully meets NJDOE requirements because they were supplied by the authorizing body.
- Drinking water in the school is instead supplied by (and has always been supplied by):
 - 17 five-gallon water coolers situated throughout the school (and in each classroom)
 - An unlimited free supply of water bottles, immediately upon request, by any building inhabitant, at any time
 - o Additionally, a water filter has been (and has always been) installed in the basement kitchen sink
- Per report recommendations, affected sinks will continue to be flushed for future testing purposes.

For More Information

- For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead or call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD.
- If you are concerned about your family's exposure to lead, we encourage you to discuss this issue with your health care providers—your general practitioner doctor or your children's pediatrician.
- For more information about our school's water supply, you can contact Cindy Pulido at **973-574-0344** or **cpulido@highpointschool.com**.

Sincerely,

Cindy Pulido
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HIGH POINT SCHOOL OF BERGEN COUNTY