

Newark Public Schools
Summary of Lead Water Testing Data
School Years 2010-2011 through 2015-2016

The published charts display the results of lead water testing in Newark Public Schools over the course of the past four school years. The charts show each of the school building locations that have been tested over the past four years. Not all buildings were tested each year. Some locations that were tested in previous years were not re-tested, either because the locations are vacant or no longer in use by Newark Public School students. Additional information about further lead testing, including the order in which future tests will take place, can be found on the sampling plan.

Next Steps:

- 67 school locations tested 2015-2016. 3 locations were tested twice.
- 12 buildings (that are leased to charter schools or serve as before- and after-school student spaces) have not yet been tested this year. They are our first priority for the next wave of testing beginning March 19th.
- The next priority will be re-testing the 33 buildings that tested positive for elevated lead levels – 30 active school buildings and 3 additional student spaces.
- Finally the district will test all remaining active NPS buildings, including those that tested negative during initial 2015-2016 sampling.

Summary of Annual Test Results

2010-2011 School year

- Total # of samples: 753
- # of samples <15.5 ppb*: 661 | 87.8% of all samples
- # of samples >15.15 ppb: 92 | 12.2% of all samples
- # of samples >100 ppb: 17 | 2.3% of all samples
- # of samples >500 ppb: 1 | 0.1% of all samples

2011-2012 School year

- Total # of samples: 650
- # of samples <15.5 ppb*: 574 | 88.3% of all samples
- # of samples >15.15 ppb: 76 | 11.7% of all samples
- # of samples >100 ppb: 3 | 0.5% of all samples
- # of samples >500 ppb: 0 | 0.0% of all samples

2012-2013 School year

- Total # of samples: 716
- # of samples <15.5 ppb*: 667 | 93.16% of all samples
- # of samples ≥15.5 ppb: 49 | 6.84% of all samples
- # of samples >100 ppb: 11 | 1.54% of all samples
- # of samples >500 ppb: 3 | 0.42% of all samples

2013-2014 School year

- Total # of samples: 706
- # of samples <15.5 ppb*: 612 | 86.69% of all samples
- # of samples ≥15.5 ppb: 94 | 13.31% of all samples
- # of samples >100 ppb: 16 | 2.27% of all samples
- # of samples >500 ppb: 1 | 0.14% of all samples

2014-2015 School year

- Total # of samples: 655
- # of samples <15.5 ppb*: 555 | 84.73% of all samples
- # of samples ≥15.5 ppb: 100 | 15.27% of all samples
- # of samples >100 ppb: 15 | 2.29% of all samples
- # of samples >500 ppb: 7 | 1.07% of all samples

2015-2016 School year

- Total # of samples: 657
- # of samples <15.5 ppb*: 590 | 90.39% of all samples
- # of samples ≥15.5 ppb: 65 | 9.61% of all samples
- # of samples >100 ppb: 12 | 1.68% of all samples
- # of samples >500 ppb: 2 | 0.31% of all samples

** Note: Although the standard is 15 ppb, EPA's technical guidance defines an "exceedance" as equal to or greater than 15.5 ppb.*

Summary of school locations with exceedances in both 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

25 school buildings had exceedances in both school years. They are:

- Barringer High School
- Benjamin Franklin School
- Berliner School
- Branch Brook School
- Camden Street Middle School
- Carver School
- Cleveland School
- Ivy Hill School
- John F. Kennedy School
- Louise A. Spencer School
- Luis Munoz Marin School
- Maple Avenue Annex
- Miller Street School Building
- New Jersey Regional Day School
- Newark Leadership Academy
- Newton School
- Old First Avenue/Old Elliott Annex
- Old Speedway School
- Ridge Street School (K-1 Annex)
- Ridge Street School (Main Building)
- Roberto Clemente School
- South Seventeenth Street School
- South Street School
- Weequahic School
- West Side High School