



West Linn – Wilsonville Schools

March 7, 2025

Dear West Linn High School Parents, Teachers, Staff and all Building Occupants:

As part of the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Healthy and Safe Schools Plan (ORS 332.331), all Oregon schools are required to test for elevated levels of lead in drinking or food preparation water. To ensure all West Linn-Wilsonville schools are safe and healthy, and to meet OHA mandates, the District [took water samples](#) from all required fixtures at West Linn High School on January 16 and 17, 2025. Results were received from the lab on January 27, 2025 and January 29, 2025. Of the 235 water samples taken, five exceeded the 15 parts per billion (ppb) action level established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and OHA. Those five fixtures were immediately taken out of service and were either replaced or taken out of service permanently.

The three fixtures that were replaced were retested on February 25, 2025, and results of those tests were made available to the District on March 7, 2025. **All three fixtures tested below the action level established by the EPA and OHA.**

Results:

All three fixtures tested below the action level established by the EPA and OHA. Attached is the testing log sheet for West Linn High School. Below is a glossary of terms used to help understand the test results.

GLOSSARY:

Lead — A chemical element with the symbol Pb. It is a heavy metal that can build up in one's body over time and can contribute to negative health consequences, such as developmental delays and learning difficulties. Lead is also recognized by the EPA as a probable human carcinogen.

Fixture ID # — Every fixture in the school district has a unique identification number, per the state guidelines set July 2021.

PPB — Parts per billion. Represents the concentration of lead in water. One ppb represents one microgram of lead per liter of water.

For any questions regarding lead in water testing or results in our district, please contact Jeremy Nichols, designated Lead in Water Testing Coordinator, at (503) 673-7981 or nicholsj@wlwv.k12.or.us. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
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