



Rivendell
Interstate School District

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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Dear Rivendell Academy Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that Rivendell Academy recently completed testing for lead in drinking water. This is part of an ongoing effort related to New Hampshire state law RSA 485:17-a, which requires school and child care facilities to test for lead in drinking water and to act when lead is found at levels at or above 5 parts per billion (ppb).

Lead is a toxic heavy metal that has a range of adverse health effects if inhaled or swallowed. Lead rarely occurs naturally in New Hampshire's drinking water sources (groundwater or surface water) and typically enters drinking water due to the wearing away of piping, faucets, fixtures and other plumbing materials.

Because lead is tasteless, odorless and colorless in drinking water, testing is the only way to learn whether lead is present. It is important to sample each faucet or water fountain that is used for drinking or food prep because test results can vary between locations.

During recent testing, we collected samples from all of our drinking water outlets (e.g., drinking fountains, classroom faucets, kitchen sinks), with three (3) samples testing at or above 5 ppb, the level where action must be taken.

Students do not have access to these three outlets and we have posted signs (see attachments). The list includes all the outlets that came in above the limit: *Bathroom behind the old kitchen/weight room, in the corner next to the costume closet in the west wing; Bathroom in the food pantry room; Bathroom in the former expedition classroom.*

All sample results and additional resources from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) can be viewed at gettheleadoutnh.org.

Sincerely, Jennifer Botzjoorns, Interim Superintendent of Schools