

Annual Integrated Pest Management Pesticide Notification

Heron Lake – Okabena School District uses a licensed, professional pest control service firm for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district’s buildings.

Pests can sting, bite, cause contamination, damage property, and spread disease; therefore, we must prevent their presence and control them as necessary. The district or outside contractors may also apply herbicides on district properties, as deemed necessary.

The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides may not be fully understood. All pest control materials are chosen and applied according to labeling directions per Federal law.

To limit the potential pesticide exposure, the district follows safety regulations to ensure pesticides are applied properly. All pesticide products, which are used in and around school buildings, are required to be registered with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, school employees and certified and licensed applicators are required by state and federal law to comply with all requirements of the pesticide label, including building sites, application rates, re-entry intervals, posting, use of personal protective equipment, use restrictions, and disposal on the product label. An estimated schedule of pesticide applications is available for review or copying at the district office.

To be notified about pesticide applications or the management plan, please contact Brad Doherty, Custodian at Heron Lake – Okabena School District, 507-793-2307 Ext. 2125.

AHERA Annual Asbestos Notification

During the past school year, and continuing into the 2025-2026 school year, the following asbestos management plan activities have been or are currently being completed, pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency 40 CFR Part 763 – *“Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools; Final Rule and Notice.”*

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR 2025-2026

- Periodic surveillance
- Asbestos Repairs
- Notification of Asbestos Locations for Short-Term Workers (Electricians, Plumbers, etc.)
- Training of District Personnel
- Abatement activities at EXAMPLE<buildings>

Heron Lake – Okabena School District has contracted through the Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA) to provide Environmental, Health and Safety consulting services, including being involved in the above listed activities.

The complete, updated Asbestos Management Plan can be found in the Heron Lake – Okabena School District office. The management plan can be viewed, without cost or restriction, during normal working hours. Copies can be obtained for a fee of \$.10 per page.

Any questions concerning this notice or an explanation of our Asbestos Management Plan can be directed to Paul Bang, Superintendent/Principal at Heron Lake – Okabena School District, 507-853-4507 Ext. 1108.

Indoor Air Quality Annual Notification

Heron Lake – Okabena School District has an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Management Plan. The management plan outlines specific policies and procedures that will be used in the district to address indoor air quality issues. IEA, the District’s health and safety consultant, completes annual IAQ assessments within the school to ensure proper air quality.

If you have any questions concerning IAQ or would like to use the EPA Tools for Schools checklists, please contact the District IAQ coordinator Paul Bang, Superintendent/Principal at Heron Lake – Okabena School District, 507-853-4507 Ext. 1108.

Lead-in-Water Annual Notification

Heron Lake – Okabena School District is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for employees and students. The district has developed a lead in water management plan and testing/remediation program that complies with Minnesota Statute 121A.335, as well as recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA) of 1988 and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

For more information on Heron Lake – Okabena School District lead reduction and testing program, please contact Paul Bang, Superintendent/Principal at Heron Lake – Okabena School District, 507-853-4507 Ext. 1108.