

# OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board Policy

### Business and Noninstructional Operations

#### BP 3511.3

#### Clean Drinking Water

The Governing Board recognizes that clean, healthy water in its schools and early childhood centers is essential for student's well-being and wants to ensure that the drinking water in each of its schools and early childhood centers is, at a minimum, within all state and federal health standards with a phased plan to strive towards even more stringent standards that exceed state and federal guidelines. Full implementation of this policy shall take place within 180 days of its enactment.

\* The Superintendent or designee shall perform sample testing of the consumable water (which includes water fountains and water sources used in cooking) **in all District-owned schools and early childhood centers** for potential contaminants, including lead, and publicly post the results. Each test for lead shall be conducted by a laboratory certified for this purpose, and shall be tested to detect lead to at least 5 ppb. All test results shall be publicly posted within 72 hours of their receipt. Under section 116277 of the Health and Safety Code, the District will also make its sites accessible for water testing by community water agencies and shall follow all required reporting and remediation efforts.

\* The Superintendent or designee shall minimize risks of potential water contamination by training and requiring staff to flush water lines daily prior to use at sites that have not been cleared as meeting standards while testing or remediation (which may, among other things, include installation of filters or replacement of fixtures) is underway. The Board does not view flushing as a substitute for clean water sources, but recognizes that it is a best practice that helps flush bacteria, debris, rust, and other contaminants from the water.

\* If testing reveals a lead level above 5 ppb or tests above state or federal legal requirements for other contaminants at a consumable water source, the school or early childhood program shall within 24 hours close off access to the water source until the lead or other contaminant is remediated within the standards set forth in this policy as reflected by subsequent testing. The Superintendent or designee shall also test all other fixtures at the site where one or more fixtures had lead levels over 5 ppb.

\* If testing reveals a lead level above 5 ppb or other contaminant above state or federal levels at a consumable water sources, the Superintendent or designee shall, within one business day, notify teachers, other school personnel, and parents directly, through written notice, or electronic mail. Such notification shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) a summary of the results of the testing conducted, and information on the availability of the complete test results

for public inspection at a suitable location and on the Internet website of the school or early childhood program; (2) a description of any remedial measures being taken; (3) general information on the public health effects and risks posed by lead or other contaminants in drinking water, and information on the availability of additional resources concerning lead in drinking water; (4) where to be tested for lead poisoning in Alameda County; and (4) the name and contact information of the person designated to communicate with the public about water conditions.

\* The Superintendent or designee shall test the water at charter schools that are located on District-owned properties in the same manner as District schools and shall report the test results to the leader of the charter school within one business day of receipt of the results by the District. For District authorized charter schools in non- District properties, the District shall request a copy of all water testing results conducted at the charter facility. The District shall require District authorized charter schools to provide notifications to the parents and guardians of charter school students in the same manner and content as District schools as set forth in this policy.

\* The Superintendent shall develop a plan and corresponding budget for continued monitoring of consumable water sources and early childhood centers that provides for ongoing testing, posting of results, and other communication efforts.

\* With these testing and remediation measures, the Superintendent shall develop an information campaign notifying families how to file water-related complaints or concerns, where to get water testing information, and the benefits of healthy water and multi-use water bottles over sugary beverages and/or single-use bottles.

\* In collaboration with other public agencies focused on these issues, including without limitation, East Bay Municipal Utility District and the Alameda County Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, the Board is committed to furthering education on potential sources of lead exposure for children, potential impacts, symptoms and signs of exposure, and opportunities for testing students for lead.

\* By June 30, 2019, the Board will review this policy, the District's facilities, potential funding sources, and other relevant information to consider testing and remediation for lead in consumable water at anything above 1 ppb.

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