



Preparing Today's Learner for Tomorrow

Administrative Procedure 9170

Water Testing

Board Governance Policy Cross Reference: [1, 12, 13](#)

Administrative Procedures Cross Reference:

[Hazardous Materials Management](#)

Form Cross Reference:

Legal/Regulatory Reference:

[Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines](#)

[Corrective Actions for Schools, Child Care Centres and Large Buildings](#)

[Lead in Drinking Water: Information for Manitoba Schools, Child Care Centres and Large Buildings](#)

[Manitoba Sustainable Development – Lead in Drinking Water](#)

[The Drinking Water Safety Act \(Manitoba\)](#)

The Interlake School Division (ISD) is committed to providing safe drinking water for all our students and employees. Based upon the provincial and federal regulations, a comprehensive water sampling plan that includes testing of fountains and faucets (where students/staff access water for drinking and cooking) will be implemented at each school and Division building.

In Canada, the Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines recommends that the lead content of drinking water not exceed 0.005 milligrams per litre (mg/L) at the drinking water tap. Where levels of lead or other contaminants are found to be elevated beyond the national or provincial guidelines, immediate corrective actions will be undertaken. ISD will work closely with Manitoba Health and the provincial Office of Drinking Water to ensure our water is safe to drink.

1. All Schools and Division Buildings

a) Lead

- i. All schools and Division buildings will be tested for lead as outlined in the guidelines [Lead in Drinking Water: Information for Manitoba Schools, Child Care Centres and Large Buildings](#).

- ii. Where lead levels exceed the national guideline, corrective action will be taken as outlined in the guidelines [Corrective Actions for Schools, Child Care Centres and Large Buildings](#).
- iii. The public should be kept informed of all testing information on the Division or school websites.

b) Coliform and e-coli

- i. Water samples for testing will be taken by the Division Plumber, who will be instructed in proper water sampling technique.
- ii. Schools and Division buildings with town water supplies (Stonewall Schools, Stony Mountain School, Warren Schools, Grosse Isle School, Rosser School, Balmoral School and Division Office) will be tested on an **annual basis**. Samples will be taken from randomly selected fountains within each school.
- iii. Schools and Division buildings with untreated well water (Brant-Argyle School, Teulon Elementary School, Teulon Collegiate, Woodlands School and Transportation Maintenance Technology Facility) will be tested on a **monthly** basis. A C10 water test (mineral content test) will also be conducted on an annual basis for these schools.
- iv. Water sample results will be kept on file by the Maintenance Department for five years.
- v. Should water sample results indicate unacceptable levels of either coliform or e-coli, the Maintenance Department will arrange for delivery of bottled drinking water, and waterless hand washing stations, if necessary, within the school. It is then the responsibility of the school administrator to ensure that the bottled drinking water supply is maintained, and the responsibility of the custodian to ensure that the waterless hand washing stations are refilled until notified otherwise.
- vi. The Maintenance Department will be in contact with the school administrator to advise status of procedure to remedy contamination. The Maintenance Department will notify the administrator when water supply is safe to use for hand washing and drinking and arrange for the bottled drinking water pickup.