

Testing Lead Content in Drinking Water of Independent School Facilities

Ministry of Education Policy Statement

Independent school authorities are responsible for ensuring the overall safety of their facilities, including, the quality of drinking water within their systems and plumbing. Independent school facilities must comply with the enactments of British Columbia, including those relating to health, safety, and water quality.

In accordance with the B.C. Ministry of Education guidelines for Independent schools, St. Matthew's Elementary will test for lead content in drinking water in our school facilities, by using a fully qualified and licensed third party agency, on an annual basis, to ensure it meets provincial requirements established by the Ministry of Health, such as the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality for lead.