
Atlanta Public Schools Water Testing Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Q: Why is Atlanta Public Schools (APS) performing water quality tests at its buildings?**
 - a. The safety and well-being of our students and employees is paramount. As such, the district is continuing to take this precautionary measure.
2. **Q: Is there any evidence of poor water quality in Atlanta Public Schools?**
 - a. No. There is no current evidence of lead nor copper in any APS building.
3. **Q: Who will be conducting these tests?**
 - a. APS' Facilities Services has contracted with certified environmental consulting firms to conduct the sampling. Samples will be analyzed by a third-party laboratory.
4. **Q: When will testing begin and end?**
 - a. Testing began promptly after the completion of the Summer Academic Recovery Academy at the end of June and is scheduled to conclude by the end of July.
5. **Q: Will the tests impact the quality of water or the availability of water in APS?**
 - a. No. The sampling involves the collection of water from water fountains and sinks. There will be no impact on water service nor requirements to alter or turn off the water during the sampling process.
6. **Q: When will the results be known and made public?**
 - a. The district should begin receiving testing results in late July through August. As soon as the results are received and processed by Facilities Services, they will be shared with the public.
7. **Q: If any problems are discovered, how will they be addressed?**
 - a. Based on the results, if required, corrective action will be performed to ensure that water quality at APS buildings meets all regulatory requirements.
8. **Q: How many APS buildings will be included in the testing?**
 - a. A total of 109 buildings will be tested including schools, stadiums, and administrative facilities.
9. **Q: How much does it cost the district to perform these tests?**
 - a. These tests will cost the district approximately \$300,000 to perform.

- 10. Q: Exactly how are these tests performed?**
 - a. A “first draw” sample of the water will be collected in laboratory-supplied sample bottles by certified vendors. Each sample will be assigned a unique number. The sample is then supplied to a separate qualified laboratory for conducting chemical analysis on the sample taken.

- 11. Q: Will charter school buildings be tested as well?**
 - a. Yes. All charter schools that occupy buildings owned by APS will be tested.

- 12. Q: If corrective action is needed, how will APS pay for the repairs?**
 - a. Funds will be identified from the current general fund or capital budgets.