

Alden-Conger Public Schools
2017-2018 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Notification
Notice Concerning Use of Pesticides

All Minnesota schools are required to inform parents/guardians and school employees that they may request to be notified prior to pesticide applications on school property. Pesticides include chemicals which are used to control insects, weeds, rodents or other pests as defined by the law. (M.S. 123B.575, Subd.9)

Pests having the potential to sting, bite, contaminate, cause property damage, spread disease, cause asthma and/or trigger an allergic reaction. Therefore, we must prevent and control them. Our district utilizes the service of a licensed, professional pest control firm for the prevention and control of pests in and around district buildings and grounds. All pest control materials are chosen and applied according to Federal law.

Because long-term health affects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood, the district requires the least amount and least toxic pesticides available be used.

Due to the rare occurrence of pests, Alden- Conger Public Schools does not currently have a formal pesticide application schedule for building interiors. Due to their potentially toxic nature, these materials will be applied in a manner to ensure maximum efficiency, with minimal hazard.

An estimated schedule is currently under review for chemical applications to school grounds of herbicides and other materials. Parents may receive, at their expense, notification of pesticide application prior to their use should they be deemed necessary on unscheduled days if specifically requested.

To make such a request, please fill out a request form at the main office or call Mr. Brian Shanks, Superintendent, Alden-Conger Public Schools, 215 North Broadway, Alden, MN 56009. Any questions you may have regarding the ISD #242 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program or practices should be directed to Mr. Brian Shanks - (507)-874-3240 or bshanks@ac242.us

Alden-Conger Public Schools 2017-2018
Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Annual Notification

Alden-Conger Public Schools ISD #242 in coordination with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have developed an indoor air quality management plan. A factor of the IAQ management plan is the following yearly correspondence to all district residents on the status of IAQ issues within the district.

Formal approval of the IAQ Management Plan by the ISD #242 School Board was conducted on March 7, 2002. Since that time IAQ related activities have occurred on an annual basis, as recommended by the EPA and MDE such as Teacher surveys, building walkthroughs, building maintenance surveys and ventilation checks.

Throughout the upcoming year ISD #242 will continue to respond to IAQ concerns in a proactive manner to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and building visitors.

ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS SHOULD CONTACT:

Brian Shanks, Superintendent	507-874-3240
Cassie Bowser, IEA, Health & Safety Consultant	507-345-8818
Minnesota Department of Education	651-582-8200

Lead in Water Testing

The Alden-Conger Public School District has historically conducted, and continues to conduct, Lead in Drinking Water testing per the Minnesota Department of Health's "Reducing Lead in Drinking Water: A Technical Guidance for Minnesota's School and Child Care Facilities" recommendations. Any Public interested in discussing the district Lead in Drinking Water program or results, please contact the district office for access to the documentation.

**2017 – 2018 ALDEN-CONGER Public Schools
Annual Asbestos Notification**

Alden-Conger Public Schools, in accordance with the federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), continues to implement an E.P.A. approved asbestos management plan. The plan has been developed to identify and manage asbestos containing materials within ISD #242 facilities. ISD #242 approaches this issue in a safe and proactive manner to insure the health and safety of students, staff and other building occupants.

The following asbestos related activities have been conducted within recent years:

**Continued our Operations & Maintenance Program.*

The district is working under contract with IEA. to conduct semi-annual walkthroughs called Periodic Surveillances. IEA also conducts the AHERA required Three-Year Reinspections under contract.

If you have a question regarding the district asbestos management plan it is on file and is available for public viewing during normal district business hours. Should you have questions regarding this information please contact the district Asbestos Program Manager, Brian Shanks at (507)-874-3240.