

Hillside School



Hillside School Annual Asbestos Notification 2017-2018

Prior to 1979 asbestos was used extensively in the building industry throughout the United States for thermal insulation, fireproofing, and in structural support materials. At Hillside, asbestos was used to insulate hot water and steam pipes as well as the exterior of ventilation ducts. It may be found in some attics, mechanical rooms, and in some floor and ceiling tiles.

The mere presence of asbestos in a building does not indicate that a health hazard exists. Asbestos-containing building materials are not a health threat unless the materials are disturbed and the asbestos fibers become airborne and are inhaled.

In areas where the asbestos is bonded or encapsulated, such as floor tiles or painted and properly maintained insulation materials, there is little or no risk to health.

This notice is required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Hillside School has an Asbestos Management Plan in the school facilities office. The school performs periodic surveillance of asbestos every six months and performs full re-inspections every three years. For more information please contact Pete McKenna, Director of Buildings and Grounds.