



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Girard Academic Music Program School Family,

To guarantee that students have access to safe drinking water at school, from 2000 to 2010, The School District of Philadelphia (District) conducted a water testing program at schools throughout the District. Nearly 30,000 drinking water outlets were tested and all tested outlets that remain in service produced results that were below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) action level for lead in water of 20 parts per billion (ppb) and were safe for drinking.

In response to recent public health concerns about lead in water nationally, the District began retesting drinking outlets in your child's school. Our mission remains to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff and because of this we have instituted a stronger water safety threshold of 10 ppb, which is below the national EPA measurement of 20 ppb.

At your school, 21 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. One water outlet was found to have results above our stronger water safety threshold and was immediately shut off. We are currently developing an action plan to repair or permanently remove it. In addition, at your school and others, we have installed hydration stations which we hope that you are using. By the end of this year, all District schools will have hydration stations.

Federal studies indicate that children under the age of six are at the highest risk for harmful lead exposure, and children can be exposed to lead from a variety of sources, including paint, soil and even some consumer products. If you are concerned about your child's possible lead exposure risks, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) recommends contacting your pediatrician or neighborhood Health Center for testing.

Additionally, PDPH's lead hotline can address any health related questions you may have or help you in deciding whether to have your child tested; for questions or more information, please call (215) 685-2788. For additional information about lead and children you can visit www.cdc.gov/lead.

If you wish to view the detailed results from your school you may visit the District's website at www.philasd.org/waterresults to learn more.

This re-testing is one part of the District's Drinking Water Program, also available on our website. A key focus is to provide students with healthy hydration – safe, accessible and appealing drinking water in every school.

Sincerely,

Francine Locke, MS
Environmental Director

School Name: Girard Academic Music Program School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
2321-00-DW-007	Left of Engineer's Office - Left	4/6/2017	7.9	BA
2321-00-DW-008	Left of Engineer's Office - Right	4/6/2017	14.8	AA
2321-00-CF-009	Engineer's Office Utility Sink - near Boiler Room	4/6/2017	2.6	BA
2321-00-DW-011	Left of Orchestra Room - Left	4/6/2017	0.73	BA
2321-00-WC-012	Left of Orchestra Room - Right	4/6/2017	1.1	BA
2321-01-KC-022	Vice Principal's Office	4/6/2017	1.1	BA
2321-01-HS-025	Left of Room 105	4/6/2017	0.054	BA
2321-01-WC-027	Across From Room 108	4/6/2017	0.12	BA
2321-02-KC-034	Teacher's Lounge	4/6/2017	0.83	BA
2321-02-DW-037	Across From Room 208 - End of Hall	4/6/2017	0.50	BA
2321-02-DW-041	Left of Room 205	4/6/2017	3.2	BA
2321-03-HS-068	Right of Book Storage Closet - End of Hall	4/6/2017	0.16	BA
2321-00-KC-071N	Building Engineer's Office - Kitchenette	4/6/2017	0.43	BA
New Addition				
2321-01-CF-072N	Nurse's Office	4/6/2017	1.1	BA
2321-01-DW-073N	Next to Boy's Room - Left	4/6/2017	0.055	BA
2321-01-DW-074N	Next to Boy's Room - Right	4/6/2017	0.063	BA
2321-01-HS-076N	Outside Gym - Right	4/6/2017	0.054	BA
2321-01-KC-077N	Kitchen Prep Station Near Sprayer	4/6/2017	1.8	BA
2321-01-KC-078N	Kitchen Center Island	4/6/2017	0.34	BA
2321-01-KC-079N	Kitchen Wash Station - Left	4/6/2017	0.54	BA
2321-01-KC-080N	Kitchen Wash Station - Right	4/6/2017	0.26	BA
2321-01-IM-081N	Ice Maker in Kitchen	4/6/2017	0.57	BA

DISTRICT ACTION LEVEL FOR LEAD IS 10 ppb*

SPREADSHEET LEGEND

BA - Below District Action Level of 10 ppb

AA - Above District Action Level of 10 ppb

*EPA ACTION LEVEL FOR LEAD IS 20 ppb