

LAWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT ANNOUNCES ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Initial inspection for asbestos-containing building materials in all district buildings was completed in 1989 by Stanley Engineering, Inc., and approved by the State Department of Health. These inspection surveys indicated that friable and non-friable asbestos-containing building materials have been identified in our buildings. A majority of the asbestos-containing materials are non-friable, which under normal use conditions present no hazard to building occupants. The inspection identified friable thermal insulation, which is pipe and boiler insulation generally located in mechanical equipment and maintenance areas. The presence of this type of material in a building presents no hazard to building occupants unless it is disturbed. If disturbed, it will release asbestos fibers into the air. To ensure safety and to comply with EPA and State Department of Health regulations, the Lawton Public School District has chosen an OSHA-approved program of management of asbestos-containing building materials.

In 1992, 1995, 1998, and 2001, Precision Testing Laboratories and Lawton Public School District employees completed the three-year re-inspections of all school buildings to determine the condition of asbestos-containing materials. These three-year re-inspections are required under regulations of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987 and the Oklahoma Department of Health.

Preventive efforts in 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 by Lawton Public School District employees are to ensure a safe, healthy environment for each person who occupies or visits our schools. The district has implemented a program which we will:

1. Monitor asbestos-containing materials.
2. Conduct periodic air monitoring.
3. Provide staff awareness training.
4. Provide asbestos management plans for public review.

A copy of the asbestos management plans for each school is available in the principal's office and in the safety coordinator's office at the Maintenance office.