

ASBESTOS PROGRAM

The Escambia County School District complies with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA) and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for asbestos management purposes. Each school built prior to 1989 has been inspected for asbestos and is re-inspected every 3 years until the asbestos has been removed. Buildings are surveyed every 6 months by to ensure any changes in condition result in appropriate response action. A great deal of the asbestos identified in surveys has already been properly removed from the buildings as part of our renovation and maintenance projects.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

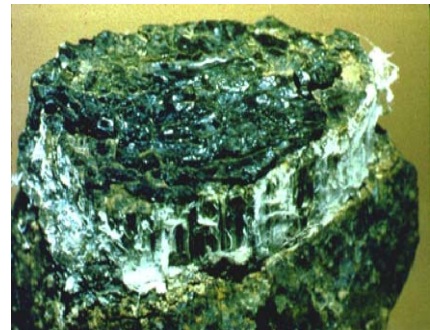
A Management Plan has been prepared for each of the District's schools and facilities that includes the location, condition and type of asbestos containing materials, re-inspection data and recommendations for response actions and programmatic information. The Management Plans are located in the Asbestos Management Plan files located at Facilities Planning Department. The most recent AHERA inspection data is available at each school's front office and the Facilities Planning department.

CONSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE

Buildings are surveyed prior to renovation and demolition for asbestos. NESHAP asbestos survey information is incorporated into the project specifications and design for occupant and labor safety purposes. NESHAP inspections include additional materials not generally included in the AHERA surveys referenced above. For instance, roofs and building exteriors are included in the NESHAP surveys whereas they are not included in AHERA asbestos surveys.

WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

"Asbestos" is the name given to a group of naturally occurring minerals composed of tiny, easily inhaled fibers. Because of its many useful characteristics, including fire and heat resistance, asbestos has been used since the mid 1800's in the manufacture of some 3,000 different products. Common products include floor tile, linoleum, cement siding, roofing, pipe insulation, sprayed-on fireproofing, and decorative ceiling treatments.



In many products, such as vinyl floor tile and siding, asbestos is combined with a binding material so that it is not readily released into the air. When handled and removed properly asbestos containing building material pose little risk to the occupants of the buildings. Removal procedures conducted by the District, as part of a construction or renovation project, are done in strict accordance with all federal and state regulation.

If you should have any questions or concern regarding management of asbestos in your child's school please contact the office of Facilities Planning at 469-5660.