

1 Water Supply Systems and Wastewater

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3 The District shall ensure an adequate and potable supply of water for school buildings and
4 properties by either:

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6 (a) Connecting to a compliant public water supply system; or
7 (b) Utilizing a non-public system whose construction and use meet the standards
8 published by the DPHHS if the school is not utilized by more than 25 persons daily at
9 least 60 days out of the calendar year, including staff and students, and a compliant
10 public water supply system is not accessible. When using a system outlined in this
11 subsection (b), a school shall submit a water sample at least quarterly to a laboratory
12 licensed by the DPHHS to perform microbiological analysis of the water supplied in
13 order to determine that the water does not exceed the maximum microbiological
14 contaminant levels acceptable to DPHHS.
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16 A water supply system of a type other than described in subsections (a) or (b) may be utilized
17 only if it is designed by a professional engineer and offers equivalent sanitary protection as
18 determined by DPHHS or local health authority. When using a system outlined in this paragraph,
19 the District shall submit a water sample at least quarterly to a laboratory licensed by DPHHS to
20 perform microbiological analysis of the water supplied in order to determine that the water does
21 exceed the maximum microbiological contaminant levels acceptable to DPHHS, DEQ, or local
22 health authority.
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24 The District shall replace or repair the water supply system serving it whenever the water supply:

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26 (a) Contains microbiological contaminants in excess of the maximum levels acceptable
27 to DPHHS, DEQ, or local health authority.
28 (b) Does not have the capacity to provide adequate water for drinking, cooking, personal
29 hygiene, laundry, and water-carried waste disposal.
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31 If the District cannot make water under pressure available, the drinking water from an approved
32 source shall be stored in a clean and sanitized container having a tight-fitting lid and a suitable
33 faucet apparatus for filling individual cups. In this situation, single service drinking cups shall be
34 provided.
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36 Flushing and Testing

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38 The District shall review water systems and features including but not limited to sink faucets,
39 drinking fountains, and decorative fountains to ensure they are safe to use after a prolonged
40 facility shutdown. Drinking fountains shall be regularly cleaned and sanitized. The District shall
41 create and implement a flushing program unless it meets the established waiver requirements
42 established by DEQ. Flushing shall be required following any period of time during which the
43 school is inactive.
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1 The District shall maintain a schematic and inventory of fixtures in accordance with DEQ
 2 protocols as part of the District’s water testing program. The District shall sample all water
 3 fountains and sinks used for food preparation. All other potential human consumption fixtures
 4 shall be sampled, unless the District receives approval for a testing plan from DEQ to test a
 5 representative sample of potential fixtures in the school in accordance with DEQ protocols. All
 6 samples shall be analyzed by a Montana certified lab using EPA-approved standard drinking
 7 water methods for the detection and quantification of lead. All test results will be considered
 8 public records.

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10 Wastewater

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12 The District shall ensure wastewater is completely and safely disposed of by:

- 13 (a) Connecting to a compliant public wastewater system; or
- 14 (b) If the school is not utilized by more than 25 persons daily at least 60 days out of the
 15 calendar year, including staff and students, and a compliant public wastewater system
 16 is not available, utilizing a non-public system whose construction and use meet DEQ
 17 construction and operation standards.

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19 If the District uses pit privies, the privies shall be operated and maintained in compliance with
 20 the standards specified in DEQ Circular 4. If the District uses a wastewater system design of a
 21 type other than described in this policy, it shall be designed by a professional engineer and offers
 22 equivalent sanitary protection as determined by the DPHHS, DEQ, or local health authority.

23	24	25 Legal Reference:	37.111.832, ARM	Water Supply System
26			ARM Title 17, chapter 38, subchapter 1	
27			17.38.207, ARM	Maximum Microbiological Containment
28				Levels
29			DEQ Circular FCS 1-2016.	
30			DEQ Circular 4	
31			10.55.701(s), ARM	Board of Trustees
32			10.55.701(l), ARM	Board of Trustees
33			10.55.701(q), ARM	Board of Trustees

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