

AHERA Yearly Notification

Dear Parents:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. The Warren Seventh-day Adventist School has developed a plan, as required, which is updated as required. As part of the compliance of this plan we must publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities. There are currently no asbestos related activities.

It is the intention of the Warren Seventh-day Adventist School to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan by contacting the school.