



AB 746, LEAD TESTING

The passage of Assembly Bill 746 has implications for charter schools regarding lead testing requirements. A summary of AB 746 is included below; however, each charter school is responsible for reviewing and complying with the [entire bill](#) by July 1, 2019.

Assembly Bill 746 requires community water systems to complete lead testing in public schools built before January 1, 2010. If the level of lead exceeds a specified amount, the school is required to notify the parents/guardians of all students who attend the site. The school is also required to shut down all of the fountains and faucets where excess levels of lead exist and take the appropriate action steps necessary to mitigate the issue and ensure that ultimately, a potable source of drinking water is available for the students.

Please note, this bill does not require schools to conduct the testing themselves; however, it does require schools to contact and grant access to the local community water system, which in this case is East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), to conduct the lead testing.

To request lead testing, charter schools must send a letter to EBMUD using the [template letter provided by the Division of Drinking Water](#)¹. Once EBMUD receives the letter, they will follow up with specific instructions.

Once lead testing is completed at your site, please provide the Office of Charter Schools with: (1) evidence that lead testing was conducted; and (2) proof that any associated issues were resolved. Please upload all documentation to the [Info Center](#) under General School Information, Lead Testing Documentation.

If you have questions regarding AB 746 and/or lead testing, please review the [entire bill](#) and the [FAQ](#).

¹ Please note, EBMUD also plans on sending all charters schools an information letter directly.