

Spring 2016 – water quality in district schools

School name	Original build date	When modernized or rebuilt
Garfield ES	1946	1969 & 2010
Jefferson ES	1964	2011
Monroe ES	1969	2012
Silver Lake ES	1959	2009
View Ridge ES	1954	2012
Whittier ES	1949	2011
EHS Gymnasium Building	1969 (north) & 1980 (south)	2013
Woodside ES	1981	
North MS	1981	new gym 2008
EHS Vocational Building	1912	1980
EHS Civic Auditorium/Cafeteria	1939	1982 (again in 2007)
Mill Creek ES	1988	
Silver Firs ES	1988	
Heatherwood MS	1990	
CHS Building Trades Building	1987	
EHS Science Building	1989	
EHS Little Theater	1924	1987 & 2009
Gateway MS	1993	
Everett HS Main Building	1910	1995
Everett HS Commercial Building	1915	1991
Cedar Wood ES	1991	
Hawthorne ES	1952	1992
Jackson ES	1949	1993
Lowell ES	1951	1991
Madison ES	1947	1991
Penny Creek ES	1998	
Jackson HS	1994	2011
Sequoia HS	1926	1994
Eisenhower MS	1971	2006
Evergreen MS	1958	1999
Emerson ES	1957	2006
Cascade HS	1961	2000
Forest View ES	2007	

Contaminants reportedly in some Washington schools' water systems

are likely from those old schools' plumbing. Lead pipes in those older schools were used mostly before the 1960s, according to the [Alderwood Water District](#) website. *(This website, has some timely information about water quality, what happened in Flint, Michigan and why we have less reason to worry about water here in our region than Flint, Michigan does.)*

The chart at the left indicates the original construction and subsequent renovation dates for Everett Public Schools 26 schools. None of the district's schools are in a before-1960 state. All were either built new after the 1960s or have been renovated after the 1960s.

History, past testing & actions taken

The district tested all schools for lead in drinking water in 2005 – the last time the state funded the cost of such tests in schools. Remediation work at four schools was completed after the 2005 tests.

The district tested Forest View Elementary right after it opened in 2007/2008, and North Middle School again in 2013.

Forest View's test results were resolved by thoroughly flushing out new construction detritus, and North's ongoing and annual remediation includes changing the filters on faucets and drinking.

Some background

In 2009, The State Board of Health adopted a revised "School Rule" in 2009, WAC 246-366A, that requires testing water testing in schools.

However, the legislature prohibited implementing the requirements because of lack of funding the prohibition is still in place, as of spring 2016.