

## ***Facilities & Operations Department***

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Oak Park School District, 13900 Granzon, Oak Park, MI 48237



### **Filter First Mandates**

Filter First requires schools to provide filtered drinking water. Lead reduction filters are very effective in reducing the risk of lead exposure if properly installed, used, and maintained. These filters are a protective measure, used as a precaution, to protect children from potential lead exposure.

Filter usage does not mean that there is lead in the water. Filter usage is like wearing a seat belt in the car. Wearing a seatbelt does not mean that you will get into an accident, but it protects you in case of an accident. Filter usage does not mean that lead is in the water, but it protects you in case there is.

### **New Michigan Law**

To better protect the health of children, the State of Michigan passed a law to reduce the risk of lead exposure in drinking water at K-12 public and nonpublic schools, and child care centers where children spend a significant portion of their day. We call it "Filter First".

For more information on Filter First, visit [www.Michigan.gov/FilterFirst](http://www.Michigan.gov/FilterFirst).

### **What does that mean for Oak Park?**

- All sites must have a Drinking Water Management Plan (DWMP). These plans indicate the locations of consumptive and non-consumptive water stations, filter date changes, and lead testing results. These plans are available upon request for staff, students, and community members.
- All facilities are required to have 1 bottle filling station with a bubbler (drinking fountain) per 100 occupants.
- All Non-Consumptive Stations (hand washing sinks, science lab sinks, classroom sinks, etc.) must have a "Hand-Wash Only" or "Not for Drinking" sign placed at the sink.
- All classroom bubblers (drinking fountains) must have a filtration system installed or be shut off.
- Light indicator signage (Green Means Go) on all bottle fillers and filtered water stations.
- Annual lead testing of all consumptive water stations (drinking fountains, teachers' lounge sinks, kitchen sinks, etc.)

Throughout the school year, we will implement these changes and keep everyone informed. School districts have until June 2026 to make all of these changes.

### **What have we done so far?**

- Due to the cost of installing filters on all bubblers, all classroom bubblers have been turned off.
- Signage has been placed on handwashing stations.
- In the process of replacing outdated or broken bottle filling stations where needed.

### **How can you help?**

- Enter an FMX work order if:
  - If you see a bottle filler or faucet filter that has a yellow or red light.
  - If you see a missing hand-washing only sticker
  - If a bottle filler is broken or damaged.

### **Next Steps**

- Filters on consumptive stations (Teachers' Lounges, kitchen sinks, etc.)
- Additional signage on bottle filling and filtered consumptive stations: "Green means go."
- Continue to update DWMP
- Replace damaged bottle fillers



## Filtered drinking water faucet



Fill your water bottle here



To wash your hands, switch the filter to handwashing mode



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