

Section E:

**Business
Management**

Knox County Board of Education Policy

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**Testing of Drinking Water
for Contamination**

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The Director of Schools shall implement testing procedures as appropriate to comply with federal, state and local statutory and regulatory requirements with respect to identifying the presence of lead contamination in drinking water.

All drinking water fountains as well as potable water sources in kitchens and other food preparation areas will be periodically tested. Schools built prior to 1998 shall have these areas tested at least biennially and schools built in 1998 or later shall have these areas tested at least every five years.

In cases where the presence of lead is detected at a level greater than 15 parts per billion (ppb), the fixture will be removed from service and resampled within 14 days. If the subsequent sample confirms a lead level greater than 15 ppb, proper corrective action shall be implemented to eliminate or reduce the presence of lead to a level less than 15 ppb as is required by Tennessee statute.¹

In cases where the presence of lead is detected at a level greater than 20 parts per billion, the fixture will be removed from service and proper corrective action shall be implemented to eliminate or reduce the presence of lead to a level less than 15 ppb as is required by Tennessee statute. Additionally, specific attention will be paid to ensure that all notification requirements identified in the Tennessee Code Annotated are met.¹

Legal Reference:

1. T.C.A. § 49-2-133.

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