

AHERA AMP parent, teacher, and employee notification

Importance: High

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The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), a provision of the Toxic Substances Control Act, was passed by Congress in 1986. AHERA requires local educational agencies to inspect their schools for asbestos-containing building material and prepare management plans that make recommendations for the reduction of asbestos hazards. Public school districts and nonprofit private schools (collectively called local educational agencies) are subject to AHERA's requirements. This includes charter schools and schools affiliated with religious institutions. EPA provides local education agencies and parents and teachers with information about the AHERA asbestos-in-schools requirements. The rules implementing AHERA are published in the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 40, Part 763, Subpart E. The AHERA rules require local education agencies to take actions, including the following:

Perform an original inspection and re-inspection every three years of asbestos-containing material;

- Develop, maintain, and update an asbestos management plan and keep a copy at the school – Presidio's asbestos management plan is kept in the Director's office is available upon request.
- Provide yearly notification to parent, teacher, and employee organizations regarding the availability of the school's asbestos management plan and any asbestos abatement actions taken or planned in the school -- Presidio School's AMP is distributed to the parent/guardian of each enrolling students as part of the enrollment packet.
- Designate a contact person to ensure the responsibilities of the local education agency are properly implemented – Thomas Drexel, Presidio School Co-Director, is Presidio School's contact person.
- Perform periodic surveillance of known or suspected asbestos-containing building material;
- Ensure that properly accredited professionals perform inspections and response actions and prepare management plans; and
- Provide custodial staff with asbestos awareness training.