



A safe and healthy school environment is a critical component to student success in learning and thriving. All schools should be free from hazards like lead, radon, pest, pesticides and mold. Tight budgets often mean cuts to things like maintenance and sanitation putting student and staff health at risk. However, many resources are available to help schools learn about and manage environmental issues to ensure the safety and health of everyone. Below is a list of links to some of these resources and the organizations that work in the field. Achieving an environmentally Healthy School take a team approach. Schools Nurses often take the lead but please share this resource with anyone you think appropriate. To see what others are doing for National Healthy Schools Day visit: <http://healthyschools.org/National-Healthy-Schools-Day/>

Asthma

- Indiana Asthma Friendly Schools Recognition Program Guide Book – to receive a copy contact the ISDH Asthma program at ISDHasthma@isdh.in.gov
- American Lung Association Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative - <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-and-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/asthma/asthma-education-advocacy/asthma-friendly-schools-initiative/>
- Asthma Triggers Pest Press - <http://ikecoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Pest-Press-Asthma-Triggers.pdf>

Bed Bugs

- Environmental Protection Agency - <https://www.epa.gov/managing-pests-schools/bed-bugs-and-schools>
- Cooperative Extension Services - <https://articles.extension.org/pages/61823/ipm-action-plan-for-bed-bugs>
- Bed Bug Pest Press - <http://ikecoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Pest-Press-Bed-Bugs.pdf>

Chemical Management

- Environmental Protection Agency - <https://www.epa.gov/schools-chemicals/safe-chemical-management-healthy-schools> and <https://www.epa.gov/schools-chemicals/toolkit-safe-chemical-management-k-12-schools>
- Center for Safe Schools Quick Guide to Chemical Safety in K-12 Schools - [file:///C:/Users/H%20H%20Coordinator/Downloads/chemical-safety-quick-guide%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/H%20H%20Coordinator/Downloads/chemical-safety-quick-guide%20(1).pdf)
- King County Washington, School Chemical List (searchable database) - <https://www.hazwastehelp.org/educators/chemlist.aspx> and Rehab the Lab Guide - <https://www.hazwastehelp.org/educators/rehabthelab.aspx>

Green Cleaning

- Green Clean Schools, Healthy Schools Campaign - <https://greenschools.org>
- Coalition for Healthier Schools, Green Cleaning Toolkit - <http://healthyschools.org/Cleaning-For-Healthy-Schools/j/Cleaning-For-Healthy-Schools/Green-Cleaning/>
- Third Party Certifiers for Green Cleaning Products
 - Green Seal - <https://greenseal.org>
 - UL Ecologo - <https://services.ul.com/service/ecologo-certification/>
 - Safer Choice (EPA) - <https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice>

Green Purchasing and Healthy Materials Selection

- Going Green Program, Green Purchasing Cooperative - <http://www.uscommunities.org/go-green-program/>
- Coalition for Healthier Schools, Healthy Products for Healthy Schools Toolkit - <http://healthyschools.org/Cleaning-For-Healthy-Schools/Healthy-Products>
- The Collaborative for High Performing Schools (CHPS) searchable high performance building product database - www.CHPS.net
- GREENGUARD Certification Searchable Database of Low Chemical Emission and Sustainable Products - <http://greenguard.org/en/index.aspx>
- Arts and Creative Material Institute (ACMI) has developed labels for art supplies that indicate their level of toxicity (AP – nontoxic, CL – Caution) - <https://www.acmiart.org/>

Indoor Air Quality

- Environmental Protection Agency, Tools for Schools (see updated and new resources including informative training webinars) - <https://www.epa.gov/iaq-schools>
- Indiana Department of Education, IAQ Help Sheet for Schools - <http://ikecoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/IAQ-Help-sheet.pdf>

Integrated Pest Management

- iSchool Pest Manager - <http://www.ischoolpestmanager.org/>
- On-line Training Course in School IPM for K-12 School Personnel - <http://pestdefenseforhealthyschools.com/>
- School IPM, Cooperative Extension - <https://articles.extension.org/pages/64932/school-integrated-pest-management>
- School IPM, National Pesticide Information Center - <http://npic.orst.edu/pest/schoolipm.html>
- School IPM Poster, Improving Kids' Environment - <http://ikecoalition.org/integrated-pest-management/>

Lead

- 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water Toolkit, EPA - <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/3ts-reducing-lead-drinking-water-toolkit>
- Sources of Lead-free Plumbing Supplies for Schools, NSF - <http://www.nsf.org/consumer-resources/water-quality/faucets-plumbing/lead-schools>
- Environment America and US PIRG, Get the Lead Out: Ensuring Safe Drinking Water for Our Children at School - https://environmentamerica.org/sites/environment/files/reports/GetTheLeadOut_032119.pdf

Mold

- Tips for Investigating Mold and Moisture in Schools, American Federation of Teachers - https://www.aft.org/sites/default/files/fs_mold0210.pdf
- Mold Remediation Guide for Schools and Commercial Buildings, EPA - <https://www.epa.gov/mold/mold-remediation-schools-and-commercial-buildings-guide>
- Also see EPA Tools for Schools under IAQ

No-Idling

- Free No-Idling Signs – contact Indiana State Dept. of Health Asthma Program at ISDHasthma@isdh.on.gov.
- Improving Kids' Environment Smart Schools Don't Idle Program Materials - <http://ikecoalition.org/smart-schools-dont-idle/>

Radon

- National Radon Program Services, Radon in Schools - <https://sosradon.org/radon-in-schools>
- [Webinar: Radon in Schools: What You Need to Know to Properly Manage Radon in Your School](#) - Recorded on March 22, 2018
- Also see EPA Tools for Schools under IAQ

General Resources

- Indiana Department of Environmental Management's voluntary Green Step Program (the information on this program is no longer updated but the resources on the site are helpful) - <https://www.in.gov/idem/health/2335.htm>
- Improving Kids' Environment's Healthy Schools Checklist - <http://ikecoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Healthy-Schools-Checklist.pdf>
- Healthy Schools Network - <http://healthyschools.org/>
- Green Schools Conference - <http://greenschoolsconference.org/>
- CampusERC The Environmental Resource Center for Education - <http://www.campuserc.org/your-role-on-campus/k-12>
- Sensible Guide for Healthier School Renovations, EPA archive - https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-01/documents/schools_renov_brochure-8_5x11_final.pdf

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