

# OUSD Water Quality Issues

Education Partnership Committee  
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**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Community Schools, Thriving Students*

# Our Vision

All OUSD students will find joy in their academic experience while graduating with the skills to ensure they are caring, competent, fully-informed, critical thinkers who are prepared for college, career, and community success.

# Our Mission

Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) will build a Full Service Community District focused on high academic achievement while serving the whole child, eliminating inequity, and providing each child with excellent teachers, every day.



# Water Testing in OUSD and Response

Board Developed [BP 3511.3 Clean Water Policy](#)

2017-18 [AB 746](#) - Potable water systems: lead testing: schoolsites.

The Board of Education lowered OUSD's threshold for removing a fixture from service, reducing it from the federal and state action level of 15 ppb to 5 ppb.

- Communication requirements:
  - Removing fixture from service
  - Notification to constituents w/in 24 hours
  - Returning fixture to service after test of less than 5 ppb.
- District began Installation of Hydration Station FloWater / Britta / Etc) at each site using a grant so that all staff and students would have continuous access to clean and safe drinking water.
- Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax from City of Oakland (\$371,000) and Measure A from the County (\$100,000) supported installation of Flowater stations.
- During COVID OUSD used \$635K of ESSER funding to replace or add 85 new FloWater systems to our schools as we started a replacement cycle for the original investment





# OUSD is a Historical District in the State

School Name	Street_Address	Year_Opened
Edna Brewer Middle School	3748 13th Avenue	1913
Oakland Technical High School	4351 Broadway	1913
Aspire Berkley Maynard (Golden Gate ES)	6200 San Pablo Avenue	1922
United for Success/ LIFE Academy (Simmons)	2101 35th Avenue	1922
Elmhurst Community Prep / Alliance (Elmhurst Campus)	1800 98th Street	1923
Roosevelt Middle School	1926 19th Avenue	1923
Crocker Highlands Elementary School	525 Midcrest Road	1925
East Oakland Pride (Webster ES)	8000 Birch Street	1926
Home and Hospital Program (Cole MS)	1011 Union Street	1926
Sequoia Elementary School	3730 Lincoln Avenue	1926
Francophone Charter School (Toler Heights ES)	9736 Lawlor Street	1927
Laurel Elementary School	3750 Brown Avenue	1927
Street Academy	417 29th Street	1927
Castlemont High School / LPS Oakland R&D	8601 MacArthur Boulevard	1928
Oakland High School	1023 MacArthur Boulevard	1928
Westlake Middle School	2629 Harrison Street	1928
Fremont High School	4610 Foothill Boulevard	1931
Anthony Chabot Elementary School	6686 Chabot Road	1935
Coliseum College Prep (Havenscourt)	1390 66th Avenue	1935
Melrose Leadership Acad.(Maxwell Park)	4730 Fleming Avenue	1936

The **17** oldest schools in OUSD.

The Median school is Urban Promise Academy that was built in **1949**.

*Notes: The schools listed on this table may have had partial facilities work. The schools have been identified on the year they were built and opened based on Jacobs Database*

# First Round of Testing-Spring and Summer

Testing began at **40 sites in Spring 2024** and throughout the summer.

Overall, the test results fall into one of three categories:

- 1. 83% (897 fixtures) 5 ppb or lower (under the District's limit)**
- 2. 10.7% (116 fixtures) tested above 5 ppb and below the state and federal limit of 15 ppb**
- 3. 6.5% (70 fixtures) tested higher than the State and Federal Limit of 15 ppb**

**All the fixtures that tested below the District's limit are in service.**

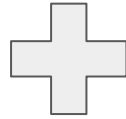
We have taken all fixtures that show elevated levels (in categories 2 & 3) out of service until they are repaired and retested with results at or below 5 ppb. As of Friday (9/13/2024), we have repaired **200 fixtures and are now waiting to be re-tested before being returned online.**



## Primary Focus Providing Access to Clean Filtered Water

34/60 New Flowater Systems have already been installed.

OUSD intends on purchasing another 88 Flowater Systems to improve access to water sources.



OUSD has over 4500 water fixtures across the district and are beginning to use the testing data to assess the overall cost to address the problem. Projected potential cost is between \$16M-\$53.2 M

# THANK YOU

## Any Questions?

Additionally, for more information, please reach out:

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