

Asbestos Abatement

Asbestos abatement will be occurring as part of the building projects going on at Interstate 35 Community School District. We wanted to notify our public about this and share the steps being taken to protect everyone throughout the process. Initial abatement in the current Agriculture and shop areas of the school will begin on Saturday, February 17, and involve removal of old floor tile. Asbestos is only dangerous to humans if it becomes airborne; there is no airborne asbestos with these floor tiles.

However, we have purposefully scheduled the work (asbestos abatement) the weekend of February 17th to minimize the impact to students and staff. There is a 10 day notice given to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources so they are aware of the project and may stop at any time to ensure all procedures are being followed. The licensed abatement contractor will set up negative air containment in the abatement area and filter air through a HEPA filter that will be vented outside. The materials containing asbestos are bagged and placed in barrels or a contained dumpster to ensure no exposure is possible once out of the containment area. A third party inspection agency, ATC Group, will oversee the work at all times and constantly monitor the containment area by collecting air samples. When the work is completed, one more final air test is conducted; the contractor may not remove the abatement area until the area is completely clear of asbestos through the air testing.

In simple terms, we are following all legal guidelines and more; there is no exposure to our students, staff, or public with this abatement process. There will be additional abatement this summer in preparation for construction of the new auditorium; additional information will be shared prior to that occurring.

If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Kevin Fiene at kfiene@roadrunnerpride.org.