

Russell Conwell School: Asbestos Hazard Report

The Philadelphia Regional Center for Children's Environmental Health has partnered with the Healthy Schools Initiative to analyze and report on public information regarding asbestos conditions in schools made available on the School District of Philadelphia's website.

This report is meant to communicate to parents, teachers, and staff the exposure risk at their school and help prioritize the removal of asbestos in high-risk exposure locations.

Our analysis is based on publicly available reports. We have not conducted inspections or verified the reports.

Key Findings:

- 69 teacher / student occupied spaces have asbestos containing material (ACM)
- 49 spaces contained friable ACM
- ★ 0 spaces had damaged ACM

Our Recommendations:

- The School District is required to regularly monitor the condition of their ACM by the EPA. As of the most recent report from July 2026, there is no damaged ACM in the school. We recommend frequent monitoring of all ACM. Teachers, staff, and parents should report any damaged ACM to their principal immediately.



What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a fibrous material that is resistant to heat, water, and corrosion.

See this link for a comprehensive list: <https://prcceh.upenn.edu/asbestos>

Asbestos was used in materials in schools, including:

- Ceiling Tiles
- Floor Tiles
- Pipe Insulation
- Cement
- Paint and Caulk
- Soundproofing
- Fireproofing
- Plaster Materials

What are the health effects of asbestos?

No immediate health impacts are expected from asbestos exposure in schools. However, breathing asbestos fibers in schools may increase the risk of developing cancer many years from now.

Children are very active, breathing more air while running and playing. Children take more breaths per minute than adults and are lower to the ground where asbestos fibers may settle. This puts them at an increased risk for asbestos exposure.

Are all asbestos containing materials of equal risk?

Some asbestos containing materials like ceiling and floor tiles have asbestos fibers imbedded in other materials. As long as they are not broken or damaged the asbestos fibers are not released into the air.

Some asbestos containing materials like insulation on pipe remains fibrous and can easily be released in the air when damaged.

How are damaged asbestos containing materials managed?

Asbestos can be removed. Sometimes damaged materials are managed in place by patching, encapsulating (using a specially formulated paint-like coating) or building an enclosure around damaged and/or accessible materials. All of these are forms of abatement.

The Environmental Protection Agency requires all remaining asbestos containing material to be inspected by the school district every six months. This is documented in an Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act Report (AHERA Report).

Important Terms

Get to know these terms to make the most out of this report.

Damaged Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) can release asbestos fibers into the air.

Friable Materials can be reduced to a powder by applying hand pressure. **DO NOT TOUCH!**

Non-Friable materials are not easily damaged.

Significantly damaged materials are more than 10% damaged.

Abated ACM means repaired, removed, or reduced risk of exposure.

Detailed Review for Russell Conwell School

This school has 78 spaces with asbestos containing materials. 69 of them are in teacher / student occupied spaces. The School District last inspected ACM in July 2026 and published the AHERA report in July 2026. No damaged ACM were reported in this AHERA report.



We recommend that the school district continue to frequently monitor friable asbestos containing materials. The most prevalent friable ACM in the school are fire doors (see Table 1). When fire doors are damaged and the material inside is exposed, the material is considered friable.

A list of all the ACM in the school can be found in the tables at the end of this report.

Information Reviewed to Make this Report:

The 2025/26 AHERA report from the School District of Philadelphia, and asbestos abatement notifications from the Air Management Services Online Portal.

Not included in this report are planned repairs to damaged asbestos materials that have not been uploaded to the Air Management Services website or any updated after October 2, 2026. To see the most current information, scan these QR Codes. After scanning, search for your school.

School Districts of Philadelphia Asbestos Reports:



AHERA Reports are documents generated from EPA required asbestos inspections

Office of the Controller Asbestos Project:



Asbestos abatement notification forms



Report what you see!

Parents and teachers should report hazardous conditions in schools on the Healthy Schools app.

Scan here to
download the app:



Disclaimer:

This report analyzes custodial and mechanical spaces like boiler rooms **only** when ACM is significantly damaged (damage > 10%).

Questions?

Find more resources on our website!

prcceb.upenn.edu/asbestos

- Photo gallery of different types of damaged asbestos containing materials
- Guide to how we classify materials in schools
- Our analysis and reporting methodology
- What we do with the information in this report



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Table 1: Friable Asbestos Containing Materials Identified

NOTE: Friable materials can be reduced to a powder by applying hand pressure.
Do not touch it! Damaged and significantly damaged friable materials readily release harmful asbestos fibers into the air.

Location	Material Name	Reported as Damaged or Significantly Damaged? (Blank = No)	Abatement scheduled since the inspection? (Blank = No)
IMC (Library)	Fire Doors		
Women's Restroom adjacent to the IMC (Library)	Fire Doors		
Auditorium	Fire Doors		
Staff Restroom at the end of Faculty Restroom Hallway	Fire Doors		
IMC (Library) Office	Fire Doors		
IMC (Library) Storage Room	Fire Doors		
Pipe Shaft Next To Hydration Station Outside Of IMC	Vapor Barrier associated with Terracotta Wall		
Pipe Shaft Outside Of Main Office	Pipe Insulation >6 inches		
Main Entrance Stairwell	Fire Doors		
Exit 7 from Stairwell B	Fire Doors		
Stairwell C	Fire Doors		
Stairwell A Landing	Fire Doors		
School Supplies Storage Across From 205	Fire Doors		
Pipe Shaft Between Classroom 204 And 203	Vapor Barrier associated with Terracotta Wall		
Nurse's Office	Fire Doors		
Classroom 204	Fire Doors		
Nurse's Office Area With Sink	Fire Doors		
Nurse's Office Restroom	Fire Doors		

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Classroom 206	Fire Doors		
Storage Room across from Classroom 206	Fire Doors		
Staff Restroom at the end of Faculty Restroom Hallway	Fire Doors		
Classroom 207	Fire Doors		
Pipe Shaft Between Classroom 207 And 206	Pipe Insulation >6 inches		
Classroom 208	Fire Doors		
Pipe Shaft Next To Classroom 208	Vapor Barrier associated with Terracotta Wall		
Classroom 209	Fire Doors		
Classroom 209 Closet On Left	Fire Doors		
Classroom 209 Closet On Right	Fire Doors		
Hallway from Classroom 209 to the Main Hallway	Fire Doors		
Staff Restroom Hallway to Main Hallway	Fire Doors		
Stairwell C	Fire Doors		
Stairwell A Landing	Fire Doors		
Classroom 301	Fire Doors		
Classroom 301 Closet	Fire Doors		
Classroom 302	Fire Doors		
School Psychologist's Office 301A	Fire Doors		
Classroom 304	Fire Doors		
Classroom 306	Fire Doors		
Pipe Shaft Next To Classroom 306	Pipe Insulation >6 inches		
Classroom 307	Fire Doors		
Classroom 308	Fire Doors		
Counselor's Office	Fire Doors		
Copy Room 305A	Fire Doors		
Copy Room 305A Restroom	Fire Doors		
Copy Room 305A Closet	Fire Doors		
Roof Access Closet adjacent to Classrooms 305 and 305A	Fire Doors		
Hallway from Classroom 309 to the Main Hallway	Fire Doors		
Stairwell C	Fire Doors		
Stairwell A Landing	Fire Doors		
Fan Room	Paint associated with Concrete Pad		
Fan Room	Fire Doors		
Boiler Room	Paint associated with Concrete Pad		
Boiler Room	Fire Doors		
Building Engineer's Office	Fire Doors		
Large Storage Room adjacent to Boiler Room	Fire Doors		
Pump Room adjacent to Exit 5A	Paint associated with Wall, CMU		
Kitchen	Paint associated with Wall, CMU		
Kitchen Storage Closet	Paint associated with Wall, CMU	Reported damaged 7/9/2025	Encapsulated 7/9/2025
Music Room B1	Fire Doors		
Cafetorium	Fire Doors		
Storage Closet within Stairwell B	Electrical Wire Wrap associated with Electrical Panel		
Storage Closet within Stairwell B	Fire Doors		
Storage Closet Under Stairwell B	Fire Doors		

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Exit 5A Hallway adjacent to the Boy's Restroom	Fire Doors		
Hallway adjacent to the Music Rooms	Paint associated with Wall, CMU		
Exit 1 Hallway adjacent to the Music Rooms	Fire Doors		
Stairwell B	Fire Doors		
Stairwell C	Paint associated with Wall, CMU		
Stairwell C	Fire Doors		
Exit 1A from Stairwell C	Fire Doors		
Storage under Stairwell C	Fire Doors		
Stairwell A	Fire Doors		
Auditorium Roof	ACM Air Handler Unit		
IMC (Library)	Fire Doors		
Women's Restroom adjacent to the IMC (Library)	Fire Doors		
Auditorium	Fire Doors		
Staff Restroom at the end of Faculty Restroom Hallway	Fire Doors		
IMC (Library) Office	Fire Doors		
IMC (Library) Storage Room	Fire Doors		
Pipe Shaft Next To Hydration Station Outside Of IMC	Vapor Barrier associated with Terracotta Wall		
Pipe Shaft Outside Of Main Office	Pipe Insulation >6 inches		
Main Entrance Stairwell	Fire Doors		
Exit 7 from Stairwell B	Fire Doors		
Stairwell C	Fire Doors		
Stairwell A Landing	Fire Doors		
School Supplies Storage Across From 205	Fire Doors		
Pipe Shaft Between Classroom 204 And 203	Vapor Barrier associated with Terracotta Wall		
Nurse's Office	Fire Doors		
Classroom 204	Fire Doors		
Nurse's Office Area With Sink	Fire Doors		
Nurse's Office Restroom	Fire Doors		
Classroom 206	Fire Doors		
Storage Room across from Classroom 206	Fire Doors		
Staff Restroom at the end of Faculty Restroom Hallway	Fire Doors		
Classroom 207	Fire Doors		
Pipe Shaft Between Classroom 207 And 206	Pipe Insulation >6 inches		
Classroom 208	Fire Doors		
Pipe Shaft Next To Classroom 208	Vapor Barrier associated with Terracotta Wall		
Classroom 209	Fire Doors		
Classroom 209 Closet On Left	Fire Doors		

Table 2: Non-Friable Asbestos Containing Materials Identified

NOTE: Significantly Damaged non-friable materials (damage $\geq$ 10% of the material) can release harmful asbestos fibers into the air.

Location	Material Name	Reported as Damaged or Significantly Damaged? (Blank = No)	Abatement scheduled since the inspection? (Blank = No)
Teacher's Lounge	Transite associated with Closet		
Storage Room adjacent to School Police Office	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Storage Room adjacent to School Police Office	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Left Teacher's Lounge Storage Closet	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Left Teacher's Lounge Storage Closet	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Right Teacher's Lounge Storage Closet	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Right Teacher's Lounge Storage Closet	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Women's Restroom adjacent to the IMC (Library)	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Women's Restroom adjacent to the IMC (Library)	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Auditorium	Heat Shield Insulation		
Custodial Closet across from IMC (Library)	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Staff Restroom at the end of Faculty Restroom Hallway	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Staff Restroom at the end of Faculty Restroom Hallway	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Classroom 107	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 108	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Pipe Shaft Outside Of Classroom 108	Damp Proofing associated with Terracotta Wall		
Classroom 109 Left Closet	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Classroom 109 Left Closet	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Boy's Restroom	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Boy's Restroom	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Boy's Restroom Pipe Chase	Damp Proofing associated with Ceiling, Concrete		
Classroom 109	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 109	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Classroom 109 Right Closet	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Principal's Office	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Principal's Office	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Principal's Office Restroom	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Principal's Office Restroom	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Main Office Closet	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Main Office Closet	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		

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Main Office Closet	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
IMC (Library) Office	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
IMC (Library) Office	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Main Office	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Main Office	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Main Office	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Staff Restroom Hallway to Main Hallway	Transite associated with Window Sill		
Stairwell A	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Stairwell A Landing	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Classroom 201	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Classroom 201	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Classroom 201	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 201	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Classroom 202	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Girl's Restroom adjacent to Classroom 202	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Girl's Restroom adjacent to Classroom 202	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Storage 203	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Nurse's Office	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Classroom 204	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Patient Room within Nurse's Office	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Patient Room within Nurse's Office	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Nurse's Office Area With Sink	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Nurse's Office Restroom	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Nurse's Office Restroom	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Classroom 205	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 206	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Classroom 206	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 206	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Staff Restroom at the end of Faculty Restroom Hallway	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Staff Restroom at the end of Faculty Restroom Hallway	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Staff Restroom Storage Closet	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Classroom 207	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Classroom 207	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 208	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Staff Restroom adjacent to Classroom 208	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Staff Restroom adjacent to Classroom 208	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Classroom 209	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Classroom 209	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Classroom 209	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Classroom 209	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 209	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Classroom 209 Closet On Left	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Classroom 209 Closet On Left	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Classroom 209 Closet On Right	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		

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Classroom 209 Closet On Right	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Classroom 209 Closet On Right	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Office 201A Restroom	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Staff Restroom Hallway to Main Hallway	Transite associated with Window Sill		
Stairwell A	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Stairwell A Landing	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Classroom 301	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Classroom 301 Closet	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Classroom 301 Closet	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Classroom 301 Closet	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Classroom 302	Mastic associated with Tack Board		
Staff Restroom adjacent to Classroom 302	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Staff Restroom adjacent to Classroom 302	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
School Psychologist Office 301A Restroom	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
School Psychologist Office 301A Restroom	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Custodial Closet in School Psychologist's Office	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Classroom 304	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Classroom 304	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Storage 304A	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Storage 304A	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Boy's Restroom adjacent to Classroom 308	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Boy's Restroom adjacent to Classroom 308	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Classroom 306	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 307	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 308	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Pipe Shaft Next To Hydration Station Next To Classroom 307	Damp Proofing associated with Terracotta Wall		
Counselor's Office	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Counselor's Office	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Counselor's Office	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Classroom 309	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Classroom 309	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Classroom 309	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 309	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Classroom 309 Closet	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Classroom 309 Closet	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Copy Room 305A	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Copy Room 305A	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Copy Room 305A Restroom	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Copy Room 305A Restroom	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Hallway from Classroom 309 Hallway to Rooms 308A and 309	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		

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Hallway from Classroom 309 Hallway to Rooms 308A and 309	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Hallway from Classroom 309 Hallway to Rooms 308A and 309	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Stairwell A	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Stairwell A Landing	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Fan Room	Leveling Compound		
Building Engineer's Office	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Boy's Restroom	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Boy's Restroom	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Restroom in Pump Room	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Restroom in Pump Room	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Kitchen	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Kitchen	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Kitchen	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Kitchen	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Kitchen Storage Closet	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Kitchen Storage Closet	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Kitchen Storage Closet	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Kitchen Storage Closet	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Music Room B1	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Music Room B1	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Music Room B1	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Sewage Ejector Room	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Sewage Ejector Room	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Cafetorium Storage adjacent to Sewage Ejector Room	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Cafetorium Storage adjacent to Sewage Ejector Room	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Cafetorium Storage adjacent to Sewage Ejector Room	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Girl's Restroom across from Stairwell C	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Girl's Restroom across from Stairwell C	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Cafetorium	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Cafetorium	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Cafetorium	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Cafetorium	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Cafetorium	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Cafetorium Relief Shaft #1	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Cafetorium Relief Shaft #2	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Hallway adjacent to the Boy's Restroom	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		

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Hallway adjacent to the Music Rooms	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Stairwell A	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Teacher's Lounge	Transite associated with Closet		
Storage Room adjacent to School Police Office	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Storage Room adjacent to School Police Office	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Left Teacher's Lounge Storage Closet	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Left Teacher's Lounge Storage Closet	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Right Teacher's Lounge Storage Closet	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Right Teacher's Lounge Storage Closet	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Women's Restroom adjacent to the IMC (Library)	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Women's Restroom adjacent to the IMC (Library)	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Auditorium	Heat Shield Insulation		
Custodial Closet across from IMC (Library)	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Staff Restroom at the end of Faculty Restroom Hallway	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Staff Restroom at the end of Faculty Restroom Hallway	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Classroom 107	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 108	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Pipe Shaft Outside Of Classroom 108	Damp Proofing associated with Terracotta Wall		
Classroom 109 Left Closet	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Classroom 109 Left Closet	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Boy's Restroom	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Boy's Restroom	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		
Boy's Restroom Pipe Chase	Damp Proofing associated with Ceiling, Concrete		
Classroom 109	Glue Dots associated with Blackboard		
Classroom 109	Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"		
Classroom 109 Right Closet	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Principal's Office	Mastic associated with Floor Tile		
Principal's Office	Floor Tile VAT 12" x 12"		
Principal's Office Restroom	Thinset associated with Floor, Ceramic Tile		
Principal's Office Restroom	Thinset associated with Wall, Ceramic Tile		