



Indoor Air Quality in Schools

EPA's Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Schools program provides free resources for schools to improve indoor air problems using straightforward activities and in-house staff.



Studies indicate that indoor levels of pollutants may be 2 to 5x — and occasionally 100x — higher than outdoor levels, **potentially impacting the 55 million children and 4 million teachers** (a sixth of the U.S. population) in schools.

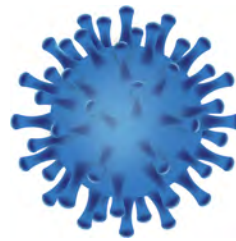


Approximately **50% of school districts lack** IAQ management programs.



Negative impacts to health and productivity caused by poor IAQ is estimated to **cost the U.S. \$36-92 billion/year.**

EXPOSURE TO POOR IAQ HAS BEEN LINKED TO:



Spread of airborne bacteria and viruses like COVID-19.



Symptoms such as coughing, eye irritation and headaches, and more serious issues like allergic/asthma reactions, lung and heart diseases, cancers and death.

PROGRAM BENEFITS



Improves student health and attendance



Improves academic performance

For more information, please visit [Creating Healthy Indoor Air Quality in Schools | US EPA](#)