



Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Program

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

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News & Events

- **Time is running out!** [Register today](#) for the *IAQ Tools for Schools* National Symposium, being held December 4-6, 2008, in Washington, D.C. This premier event will feature new sessions designed to provide you with dedicated, unstructured time to engage your peers, faculty, and technical experts. [Reserve your hotel room](#) before November 12, 2008, to receive the discounted rate.
- **With the flu season** in full-swing, there is no better time to be using **green cleaning** products. Besides their reduced impact on the environment, green cleaning products lessen the potential for interaction with harsh chemicals, which can exacerbate seasonal health problems. Learn about the benefits of green cleaning in schools at the [Healthy Schools Campaign](#) Web site and at the *IAQ Tools for Schools* National Symposium.

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U.S. EPA's IAQ Tfs Symposium

Want clean, healthy indoor air, but have no money to spare?

The goal of every school district is to ensure that all students receive a high quality education. And, as Rusty Clifford of West Carrollton School District in Ohio states, "The better the environment, the healthier and higher performing the student." But, how can we ensure that the spaces where our students learn are of high quality given this era of budget cuts and economic uncertainty?

Well, if you come to the [U.S. EPA's Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Symposium](#) December 4-6 in Washington, D.C., you will learn what over 25,000 schools across the United States already know—that maintaining healthy, safe, and productive learning environments does not have to be a costly endeavor. Since 2000, the Symposium has offered the latest knowledge and resources on effectively managing IAQ in schools, including a virtual walk-through to identify solutions to common IAQ problems; creating healthy, high performance schools; HVAC assessment; and integrating IAQ in the classroom curricula.

Take, for example, the session entitled "Indoor Air Quality, Health, and Student Performance"—John Girman of U.S. EPA's Indoor Environments Division will present the most recent findings in IAQ research on the links between maintaining indoor environments and improving student health and achievement. After Mr. Girman's presentation, the "*IAQ Tools for Schools* Approach: Providing a Framework for Success" session will allow participants to see how those low- and no-cost strategies for improving student health and performance are implemented on a day-to-day basis by real world experts in IAQ management—fellow U.S. school districts.

Interactive breakout sessions will also provide participants with expert advice on the most pressing

environmental health topics facing schools, from creating asthma-friendly schools to managing mold, radon, and other health risks. "Green Cleaning: Products and Practices" will highlight how using environmentally preferable cleaning products can be a great way to protect the environment, effectively clean your schools, and protect student and staff health while saving time and money.

These sessions are only a narrow slice of what this year's Symposium has to offer. Want to learn more? Then go to www.iaqsymposium.com today to register!

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IAQ TFS In-Depth: Great Start Award Winner Exceeds Expectations

Lee's Summit R-7 School District in Lee's Summit, MO, is no stranger to proactively addressing IAQ issues. Their Environmental/ Risk and Safety Manager position was established in 1999 and from the beginning, has ensured proper IAQ became an everyday task for that position, as well as their District Health and Safety Team. Besides attending two of the early *IAQ TFS* Symposia, the Environmental/ Risk and Safety Manger was essential in helping to develop the Quality Focus Team, which deals specifically with IAQ issues. Having strong and well-defined roles were essential in allowing the District to purchase the first of two Facility Performance Monitors (Optima 500) from Aircuity. This technology has allowed the district to pinpoint specific IAQ issues and better resolve occupant complaints. Clearly, effective role management has allowed Lee's Summit R-7 School District to rise to the top of IAQ management programs. Learn about other [award-winning programs](#), including the Excellence and Model of Sustained Excellence winners at this year's [IAQ TFS Symposium](#).

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