

Mercury-Free Zone



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Mercury-Free Zone Program — School Pledge

To protect the health of Minnesotans and our state's air, land and water, we pledge to work with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to keep mercury out of our school and the environment.

We understand that, while mercury performs a useful function in thermometers and other instruments, it can also be harmful. Our school is committed to protecting its students, faculty and staff and the environment. Therefore, we have established the following goals to minimize the introduction of mercury, a persistent bioaccumulative toxin, to our school and the environment. We also encourage our teachers, staff and students and their families to conduct environmentally sound practices in their everyday lives.

To achieve these goals, we pledge to participate in the Mercury-Free Zone Program

- Inventory the mercury and mercury-containing devices* in our buildings
- Recycle mercury and mercury-containing devices
- Purchase or otherwise obtain non-mercury substitutes*
- Implement a phase-out plan for mercury-containing devices*
- Conduct an educational program about mercury for students, faculty and staff
- Prohibit the future purchase or re-introduction of mercury and mercury-containing devices*

*except fluorescent lamps

Signature of authorized school personnel

Name of school

Title of authorized person

School address (street, city, state, ZIP)

Authorized person's e-mail address

Authorized person's phone no.

Signature of MPCA representative

MPCA representative's phone no.

Title of MPCA representative

MPCA representative's e-mail address