Wayne County Schools

FAQ Addendum: Second Round of Air Quality Testing

Ceredo-Kenova Elementary — Testing conducted September 14, 2026

This addendum accompanies the second air quality assessment report for Ceredo-Kenova Elementary, now posted alongside the original report and FAQ on the district website. It addresses new questions specific to this round of testing.

Q: What did this second round of testing show, overall?

This round was more thorough than the first — 16 air samples and one surface sample were collected across the building, including several locations tested for the first time (the Library area, the Nurse's Station, and additional classrooms), alongside the rooms flagged in the original report. Every air sample came back with no elevated mold levels, including Room 212, which had shown elevated levels originally. Humidity throughout the building is now fully within the recommended range. The five rooms flagged for high CO2 in the original report are also now within the recommended range.

Q: I heard there was a mold finding at the Nurse's Station. What happened?

A surface sample taken from a vent in the Nurse's Station showed a moderate level of Cladosporium, a common mold. Our remediation contractor identified this on-site the same day the sample was collected and treated it immediately. By the time we received the written finding, it had already been addressed. Additional cleaning will occur in this area to assure air quality.

Q: If the mold issues are resolved, why does the report show new CO2 problems in different rooms?

The four rooms with elevated CO2 in this round (182, 180, 169, and 159) are different from the five rooms flagged in the original report, all of which are now confirmed within range. This is exactly why we committed to ongoing, periodic testing rather than a single check — building conditions and occupancy can shift which areas need attention. Our HVAC maintenance staff and contractors are working on adjustments and monitoring for all rooms.

Q: Does this mean the building's mold and water problems are fully solved?

The specific mold and ventilation issues identified in the original assessment have been addressed, and this round of broader testing supports that. However, the underlying cause — water penetration from the exterior of the building — is still being worked on. The district has met with contractors and has further meetings scheduled to resolve that root issue permanently. Until that work is complete, periodic air quality testing and any needed remediation will continue.

Q: Will the district keep testing and releasing results?

Yes. Periodic testing will continue, and results — positive or negative — will continue to be posted on the district website as they become available.

Q: Who do I contact with questions?

Please contact the Superintendent's office directly at 304-272-3332.