

# Drinking Water Policy

As a Distributed Learning (DL) Independent School, our students are located in their homes; as such, the Heritage Christian Online School HCOS drinking water policy is not applicable to these learning environments.

In regards to the main office facility, they are compliant with water testing requirements (less than 0.005 milligrams per litre) (testing once every 3 years) as per BC Source Drinking Water Guidelines and The Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality.

If results are not within acceptable guidelines the school will inform the health authority, independent school office and undertake any needed mitigation. The school will communicate with parents and the school community in a timely manner.

Where external rental facilities are used for face to face learning, students are required to bring potable water to the site.

Families can review the regulations that govern the protection and access safe drinking water in British Columbia here:

- [Lead Information Package - Some Commonly Asked Questions About Lead and Human Health](#)
- [Drinking Water Protection Act](#)
- [Drinking Water Protection Regulation](#)
- [Public Health Act](#)
- [Independent School Act](#)

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