Physical Plant Advisory

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA inspectors to identify all asbestos-containing building materials. Further, schools are required to develop and maintain a management plan based on those findings.

The Hawaii State Legislature, in 2001, adopted these rules and mandated that schools notify all employees and parents regarding the asbestos management plan.

The initial inspection of Punahou was conducted many years ago. Some asbestos containing materials were identified. A management plan was put into place and regular inspections continue. The purpose of the plan and the inspections is to ensure that any asbestos-containing materials are in good condition and do not pose a hazard to students or employees.

Currently, every six months, a certified external company re-inspects Punahou’s facilities to update and approve our management plan. The plan is available in the Physical Plant office for review during working hours. If you have any questions, please contact Zachary Little at 943.3679.