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Asbestos is utilized for its insulating and fireproofing capabilities, and when undisturbed, **does not** pose a human threat. It is only when the components are damaged or disturbed that there may be potential for harm. Because of this possibility, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) to mitigate any risks.

In compliance with AHERA, Okemos Public Schools has an Asbestos Management Plan that includes monitoring existing asbestos containing materials with periodic surveillance and fully re-inspecting every 3 years. We also have trained and certified employees to address any facility concerns. Any questions regarding the District's management plan can be directed to Steve Lathrop, Director of Operations, 517-706-5037, [steve.lathrop@okemosk12.net](mailto:steve.lathrop@okemosk12.net). It is also available for review at each school building office during normal business hours.