

# Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint Reimbursement Program

Funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)  
NC - Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU)



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# Program Background

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 is providing one-time federal funding to state and local governments

NC Governor and General Assembly budgeted funding to address lead in water, asbestos, and lead-based paint in NC public schools and licensed child care facilities



# Who Qualifies for Reimbursement?

- Facilities participating in the Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids program:

NC public schools and charter schools

NC licensed child care centers and family child care homes

# Reimbursement Requirements

NC public schools and licensed child care facilities must have an inspection for asbestos and lead-based paint as referenced below and identify hazards

SB-105, Section 9G .8, and 10A NCAC 41C .1001 through .1007 requirements must be met

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/10a-ncac-41c-perm-rules-5-9-2023/download?attachment>



# What are the Eligible Expenses?

- **Eligible expenses:** Public Schools may receive 2/3 reimbursement and Licensed Child Care Centers may receive 100% reimbursement.
- Asbestos and lead-based paint abatement and remediation activities that meet 10A NCAC 41C .1003 and .1004.
- Replacement materials that meet requirements in 10A NCAC 41C .1002 (SDS/letter from manufacturer or lab data documenting less than 1% asbestos or less than 90PPM lead in paint).

**Note:** Lead in water testing and remediation at NC public schools and licensed child care facilities are managed through a different ARPA-funded program.

# Timeline Is Winding Down

**The ARPA Reimbursement Program will be in Place Until December 31, 2026, or until the Funding is Depleted.**

**The ARPA Reimbursement Program Does Not Pay in Advance.**

**ARPA Reimbursement Packets are to be submitted by July 31, 2026.**

**Packets received after July 31, 2026, may receive partial payment or no payment at all based on documentation received.**

January 30, 2026

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** NC Public Schools and Licensed Child Care Facilities

**FROM:** Larry D. Michael, MPH, REHS   
State Environmental Health Director/Section Chief

**SUBJECT:** Deadline to Submit ARPA Reimbursement Packets for Reimbursement

The funding for the American Recue Plan Act (ARPA) ends December 31, 2026. In an effort to help public schools and licensed child care facilities receive reimbursement for asbestos and lead-based paint expenses it is important that all ARPA reimbursement packets be submitted to [ARPA-Reimbursement@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:ARPA-Reimbursement@dhhs.nc.gov) by July 31, 2026.

The decision for reimbursement is based upon the required documents received and the regulatory requirements set forth in 10A NCAC 41C .1001-.1007 and S.L. 2021-180, s. 9G .8. The reimbursement process is lengthy and can take months before a facility receives payment from the Controller's Office. The ARPA Team cannot guarantee reimbursement for packets received after July 31, 2026. Reimbursement packets received after July 31, 2026, may receive partial reimbursement based on documents received or no reimbursement at all.

Be assured, the ARPA Team will process as many asbestos and lead-based paint reimbursement packets as possible and will work diligently to help public schools and child care facilities receive reimbursement before starting the process of ending the reimbursement program in late December 2026.

We appreciate all you do while protecting children from asbestos and lead-based paint in your facilities.

# What Does This Mean For Properties Monitored by the Local Health Department

**Facilities Under Annual Monitoring are eligible for reimbursement if hazards are abated.**

**For facilities to receive reimbursement they must permanently abate the lead hazards using a certified lead abatement contractor.**

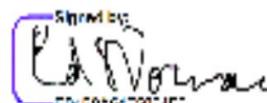
**A clearance inspection must be performed by a NC Certified lead Risk Assessor.**

**Facilities cannot be reimbursed twice for the same activities.**

July 22, 2025

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** North Carolina Public Schools and Licensed Child Care Facilities



**FROM:** Ed Norman, Program Manager, Health Hazards Control Unit

07/22/25 | 3:51 PM EDT

**SUBJECT:** ARPA Reimbursement for Public Schools and Licensed Child Care Facilities Currently Under Annual Monitoring

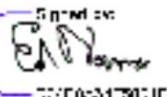
Facilities under annual monitoring for lead hazards are eligible for reimbursement if hazards are abated. For public schools and licensed child care facilities to receive reimbursement they must permanently abate the lead hazards using a certified lead abatement company and follow all applicable federal and state regulations. A clearance must also be performed by a NC-Certified Lead Risk Assessor meeting the EPA clearance criteria in 40 CFR 745.227. Once this process is completed, documentation verifying completion should be submitted to the local health department in order to discontinue the annual monitoring process.

Please note that a public school or licensed child care facility cannot be reimbursed twice for remediation activities in the same location. Thus, if remediation activities under the maintenance standard were reimbursed, then additional abatement activities of the lead poisoning hazards would not be reimbursable.

As a reminder, public schools can be reimbursed for up to 2/3 of eligible expenses and licensed child care facilities can be reimbursed for up to 100% of eligible expenses. This includes both abatement and replacement costs. If you have additional questions, email them to ARPA-reimbursement@dhhs.nc.gov .

To: NC Public Schools and Licensed Child Care Facilities

From: Ed Norman, Program Manager, Health Hazards Control Unit



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Subject: ARPA Reimbursement When Abating Asbestos or Lead-Based Paint after Stabilizing an Identified Hazard

After meeting with Management, a decision was made to allow the ARPA reimbursement program to reimburse public schools and licensed child care facilities for asbestos and lead-based paint abatement activities after an identified hazard was stabilized in a facility used by children.

After Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids completes an asbestos inspection or lead-based paint risk assessment, many facilities address identified hazards and either restrict access or have the hazard(s) temporarily corrected using methods that do not require accredited or certified individuals and are not reimbursable. However, at a later date, if a public school or licensed child care facility abates or renovates with individuals accredited for asbestos and/or certified for lead then reimbursement is allowed. It is important to remember that a public school or licensed child care facility cannot be reimbursed twice for the same activity in the same location.

If contracting with an asbestos abatement company, a visual inspection and final air clearance must be performed by a NC-Accredited Air Monitor meeting the AHERA clearance criteria in 40 CFR 763.90. If contracting with lead abatement company or lead renovation, repair and painting company, a clearance must be performed by a NC-Certified Lead Risk Assessor meeting the EPA clearance criteria in 40 CFR 745.227.

NC public schools and licensed child care facilities can also seek reimbursement for replacement materials. These materials must contain less than 1% asbestos or less than 90 ppm lead in the put-back material, and a safety data sheet or material specification sheet is required.

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# NC ARPA - Interim Lead-Based Paint Occupant Protection Plan

(Addendum to NC American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Lead-Based Paint Hazard Assessment and Response Action Form)

10A NCAC 41C .1004 (b)

Facility Type:  Public School  Charter School  Licensed Child Care Facility (CCF)  Licensed Family Child Care Home

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Facility County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Facility Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Built: \_\_\_\_\_

Public or Charter School LEA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Child Care Facility License #: \_\_\_\_\_  CCF Inside A School

Responsible Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

NC Lead Risk Assessor: \_\_\_\_\_ NC Certification #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the identified Lead-Based Paint Hazard(s):  Paint (XRF)  Paint Chip  Soil  Dust

Provide and Attach Summary of Identified Lead-Based Paint Hazard(s) Listed On NC-ARPA LBP-Hazard Assessment and Response Action Form:

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Please indicate the following measures to be utilized for the identified hazards prior to Abatement or Mitigation Activities requiring certified individuals (**check all that apply**)

**Specialized Cleaning** (shall be performed when using any of the following steps listed below where applicable)

**Interim Control Measures** (using lead-safe work practices)

*Note: Contact the appropriate agencies for guidance concerning egress (Fire Marshal's Office, Building Code Enforcement, etc.)*

Provide a Smooth and Cleanable Surface by Coating with a Sealant such as Polyurethane or High-Quality Enamel Paint

Control Contact with Impact and Friction Surfaces such as Sealing Windows Shut or Installing Kickplates on Doors

Adjust Doors or Windows by Adding Jamb Liners and/or Coil Stock in Windows or Removing Closet or Cabinet Doors

Cover Siding or Porches with a Solid Material; ex Plywood

Clean and Apply a Sealant to Exterior Concrete Porches, Steps and Sidewalks using a Product that Does Not Create a Slip Hazard

Cover Bare Soil within 3 Feet of Foundation with 4 to 6 Inches of Soil, Shredded Mulch, Gravel, Bark, Sod or Vegetative Cover

Other: (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

To: NC Public Schools and Licensed Child Care Facilities  
From: Ed Norman, Program Manager, Health Hazards Control Unit  09/25/25 1:42:57 PM EDT  
Subject: Voluntary Dust Lead Clearance When Complying with the Lead-Based Paint  
Interim Occupant Protection Plan (I-OPP)

After meeting with Management, a decision was made to allow the ARPA reimbursement program to reimburse public schools and licensed child care facilities for the cost associated with paying for voluntary dust lead clearance when addressing certain items listed in the I-OPP.

After Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids completes a lead-based paint risk assessment, many facilities address identified lead hazards by restricting access or have the hazard(s) temporarily corrected using methods that do not require certified individuals. However, if a public school or licensed child care facility decides to voluntarily pay for a dust lead clearance by a NC Certified Lead Risk Assessor for items listed below then the ARPA program can reimburse the cost of the dust lead clearance.

1. Provide a Smooth and Cleanable Surface by Coating with a Sealant such as Polyurethane or High-Quality Enamel Paint
2. Control Contact with Impact and Friction Surfaces such as Sealing Windows Shut or Installing Kickplates on Doors
3. Adjust Doors or Windows by Adding Jamb Liners and/or Cell Stock in Windows or Removing Closet or Cabinet Doors
4. Cover Siding or Porches with a Solid Material; ex Plywood
5. Clean and Apply a Sealant to Exterior Concrete Porches, Steps and Sidewalks using a Product that Does Not Create a Slip Hazard

The purpose for reimbursing the cost for dust lead clearance is to ensure areas where dust lead hazards were identified and corrected or a dust lead hazard may have been created when addressing the items identified above remain safe areas for children to use.

Should a facility fail the dust lead clearance then the facility should abate or renovate the hazard(s) with individuals certified for lead and then seek reimbursement for the cost. It is important to remember that a public school or licensed child care facility cannot be reimbursed twice for the same activity in the same location.

# Packet Documents Required for Reimbursement

The following is required when submitting a packet for reimbursement to [ARPA-Reimbursement@dhs.nc.gov](mailto:ARPA-Reimbursement@dhs.nc.gov):

- Complete Asbestos or **Lead Inspection Report**
- Asbestos or Lead Abatement Permit
- Design or Air Monitoring Plan
- **Remediation Plan and OPP**
- **Clearance Report**
- **Documented Accredited Laboratory**
- Disposal Tickets or Waste Shipment Records
- Documentation for Replacement Materials

NC – ARPA Lead-Based Paint and Asbestos Reimbursement Documents Checklist		
<b>Required Documents:</b>		
1. ARPA Reimbursement Request Form <input type="checkbox"/>		
2. Current NC Substitute W-9 <input type="checkbox"/>		
3. UEI Number Documentation (from SAM.gov) <input type="checkbox"/>		
4. Provide Appropriate Documents Listed Below to Justify Reimbursement:		
<b>Asbestos Inspection</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Performed through RTI		
<i>If not performed through RTI, the following documents are required:</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work/Proposal		
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Contract		
<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Inspection Report		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Results & NVLAP		
<input type="checkbox"/> Invoice(s) from Vendor		
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Payment(s): No Check or Credit Card #s		
<b>Lead-Based Paint Inspection</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Performed through RTI		
<i>If not performed through RTI, the following documents are required:</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work/Proposal		
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Contract		
<input type="checkbox"/> LBP Inspection/Risk Assessment/ XRF readings		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Results & ELLAP/NLLAP		
<input type="checkbox"/> Invoice(s) from Vendor		
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Payment(s): No Check or Credit Card #s		
<b>Asbestos Abatement/Remediation</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work/Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Change order, if applicable		
<input type="checkbox"/> ARPA Notification <input type="checkbox"/> Invoice(s) from Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Permit, if applicable		
<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Hazard Form(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Payment(s): No Check or Credit Card #s <input type="checkbox"/> Design, if applicable		
<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Shipment Records <input type="checkbox"/> Clearance/Lab Report <input type="checkbox"/> Air Monitoring Plan, if applicable		
<b>Lead-Based Paint Abatement/Remediation</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work/Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Change order, if applicable		
<input type="checkbox"/> ARPA Notification <input type="checkbox"/> Invoice(s) from Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Permit, if applicable		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Hazard Form(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Payment(s): No Check or Credit Card #s <input type="checkbox"/> Design, if applicable		
<input type="checkbox"/> Disposal Ticket(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Clearance/Lab Report <input type="checkbox"/> Occupant Protection Plan		
<b>Replacement Materials</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work/Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> Letter from manufacturer		
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Data Sheet(s), if applicable		
<input type="checkbox"/> Change Order, if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Lab Results Confirming less than 1% Asb		
<input type="checkbox"/> Invoice(s) from Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Lab Results confirming less than 90 PPM LBP		
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Payment(s): No Check or Credit Card #s		

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)-Funded Reimbursement Required Documents Checklist  
NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Health Hazards Control Unit (3/2023)

Highlighted Components From Local Health Department Should Be Uploaded in NCLEAD Memo January 18, 2024



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local Health Department Environmental Health Supervisors and Authorized Lead Agents

**FROM:** Larry Michael, Environmental Health Section Chief *LM*

**SUBJECT:** Assistance Needed Adding Lead Investigation Data in NCLEAD

Since the ARPA Reimbursement Program for Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint Activities went into effect, NC public schools and licensed child care centers seeking reimbursement for eligible expenses must provide documentation that a lead inspection or investigation was performed, a remediation plan was approved, and clearance was achieved.

The Division of Public Health is requesting that authorized local health department lead agents upload needed lead information into NCLEAD for each facility. This includes the lead inspection or investigation report with all XRF data including calibration data; lab results for soil, dust, and paint chips collected; an approved remediation plan and final clearance data from the lab along with the letter or email from the environmental health specialist. The lab report or saved file should clearly state that final clearance has successfully passed.

Since public schools and child care centers can seek reimbursement as far back as April 29, 2022, it is crucial that needed information be entered into NCLEAD to assist schools and child care centers with their reimbursement efforts. Failure to do so may delay or prevent public schools or child care centers from getting reimbursed.

The Environmental Health Section is asking that all needed information, starting April 29, 2022, be uploaded as soon as possible. If you have questions or need assistance with loading data into NCLEAD, please contact your Regional Environmental Health Specialist. Your cooperation in this important matter is truly appreciated.

# What Is Needed From The Local Health Department

The Division of Public Health is requesting that authorized local health department lead agents upload needed lead information into NCLEAD for each facility. This includes the lead inspection or investigation report with all XRF data including calibration data; lab results for soil, dust, and paint chips collected; an approved remediation plan and final clearance data from the lab along with the letter or email from the environmental health specialist. The lab report or saved file should clearly state that final clearance has successfully passed.

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# What Information Should Local Health Departments Pass on to Facilities Concerning Reimbursement

**Complete Investigation Reports (including XRF data, lab reports, sketches,etc..)**

**Final Remediation Plan/Design and EH Approval Letter**

**Clearance (aka Verification) Letter and Lab Reports**

**Any Cost Related to Using an Outside Lab (Billing and Proof of Payment)**

# Questions?

**Thank you for taking steps to protect children from lead and asbestos hazards across NC!**

**Visit our web page:** <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/asbestos-and-lead-based-paint-reimbursement-program-arpa>

**Read our FAQ:** <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/nc-arpa-frequently-asked-questions/download?attachment>

**Use the documents checklist:** <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/nc-arpa-lead-based-paint-and-asbestos-reimbursement-documents-checklist/download?attachment>

**Please submit any questions to:** [ARPA-Reimbursement@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:ARPA-Reimbursement@dhhs.nc.gov)  
**or call us at (919) 707-5950.**

**To Enroll for an Inspection:** <https://www.cleanwaterforuskids.org/en/carolina/>

