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Here are the results of the three drinking water samples from **Tiverton High School**.

Faucet or drinking fountain location	Lead (parts per billion, or ppb)
1 st floor Water Fountain	1.7
3 rd floor Water Fountain	3.8
Commons Water Fountain	Less than 1

What Do The Test Results Mean?

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Here are the results of the three drinking water samples from **Walter E. Ranger School**.

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RM 306 Water Fountain	Less than 1
RM 404 Water Fountain	Less than 1
RM 505 Water Fountain	Less than 1

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Here are the results of the three drinking water samples from **Pocasset School**.

Faucet or drinking fountain location	Lead (parts per billion, or ppb)
Outside Gym Water Fountain	Less than 1
RM 108 Water Fountain	Less than 1
RM 213 Water Fountain	Less than 1

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Here are the results of the three drinking water samples from **Fort Barton**.

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RM 120 Water Fountain	Less than 1
Gym Water Fountain	Less than 1
RM 222 Water Fountain	Less than 1

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N. East 1 st floor Water Fountain	Less than 1
Outside Music Water Fountain	6.1
S. West 2 nd floor Water Fountain	1

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