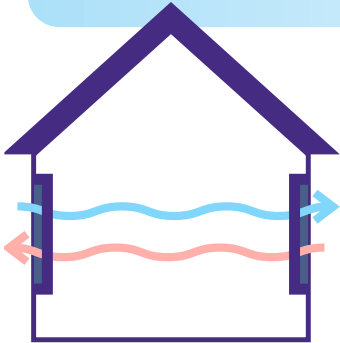


Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

Improve indoor air quality with visual assessments, increased air supply, and upgraded filtration

Visual Assessment

- Perform a building walk-through
- Conduct an evaluation of operations using an IAQ checklist

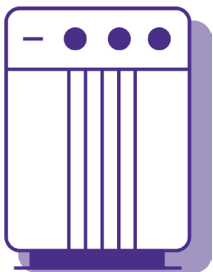
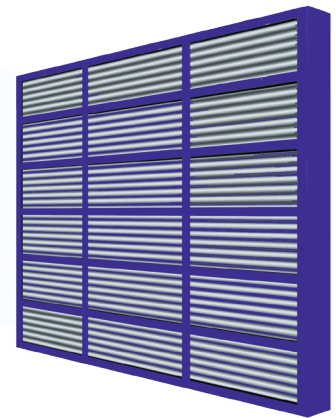


Increase Ventilation Rate

- Increase outdoor air supply
- Check that doors, windows, fans, and vents are free of obstructions and working properly
- Verify that air is coming into and exhausting out of classrooms

Increase HVAC Filter Efficiency

- Upgrade air filters and replace regularly
- Use the highest Minimal Efficiency Rating Value (MERV) rating compatible with your mechanical system



Supplement with Portable Air Filters

- Easily placed and relocated
- Cost-effective and widely available
- The New York State Departments of Education and Health do not recommend ionization air cleaners. For more information, use the link at the bottom of this page

Health Benefits

- Reduce asthma symptoms
- Reduce transmission of COVID, Flu, and other respiratory viruses
- Improve student health, performance, and school attendance
- Remove particles, including dust and mold
- Remove chemicals, including VOCs and some odors



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