What do Damp Schools & Mold look like?

Several photos of conditions that produce mold and examples of mold in schools. The conditions are easier to recognize than the mold, as most mold will be hidden, it likes to grow in moist, dark places.

Windowsill rotted from dampness & seepage. This classroom ruined the health of a teacher.

Stains on ceiling and wall from perpetual leaks.

Flooded schoolyard, with water many inches high, entering building at right, seeps behind walls, soaking insulation and will grow mold.

Stains and mold on ceiling of classroom in use.

Profoundly leaky school in Seattle, WA, still in use. Ceiling tiles have fallen, mold is growing under where tiles were.

Black mold under ceiling tiles that fell off from dampness, school with leaky roof.

(l) Side of old bungalow rotten for years, when rained on is porous.

(r) windowsill rot from lack of maintenance (not painted, etc.), lets water enter inside.

Mold growing under damp ceiling tiles in school with leaky roof.

Buckled paint from extreme dampness

Classroom in use with roof leaks and falling, stained tiles. Mold grows in insulation above and under tiles.

Staff lounge after soaked ceiling tiles fell on table in profoundly moldy NY school, still in use.

NY school with poor drainage (built on wetlands) experiencing a mudslide during storm. The water penetrates walls that are never dried out properly.

Stairwell to cafeterias that is flooded by mudslide and water, in school built on wetlands, in NY, still in use.

Ceiling vent with mold growing around it, originating from inside vent (EPA) - (SMH note: this one is not from a school but we see many filthy vents like these in schools and other buildings. Look up at the vents next time you are in a building with them. One reported to us had strings of organic matter hanging from the vents in a school that were 12 inches long.

School outtake vent in Wisconsin, found to have toxic molds in the moist, sticky, organic layer that had to be peeled off with gloves on to sample. Aspergillus niger, a toxin producer, was one of the molds that the air from this vent passed over on its way to be breathed. Scores of students were ill in this school, which is only ten years old.

Roof leak produces dark water stains that will grow mold within 24-48 hours if the source of the leak and the moist materials are not removed. Note the light below.