

## **Darien Public Schools Do Well in Recent Health Inspections**

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All seven Darien public schools received high ratings when they were inspected by the Darien Health Department in recent weeks.

At four of the seven schools, visiting inspectors found no problems whatever, and each of those schools received a perfect 100 score on the state scale. In three schools, inspectors found a single problem, but the inspection results were still excellent, and all the schools were deemed "Good" — the highest rating in the separate town ratings system.

The inspections were conducted from May 4 through May 17.

### **The most recent inspection results**

In the list of health inspection results, below, information is listed by name, address, date of inspection, Darien rating, state score, inspector's comments that led to the state rating and additional remarks on the inspection report. Dates link to the food establishment's inspection report referenced here, and Darien ratings

link to a Web page showing several of the restaurant's recent inspection ratings.

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***See also:***

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (May 19)
- [You Can Now Read Full Health Inspection Reports on Darien Restaurants Online](#)

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Here's an alphabetical list of the recent Darien health inspections of school cafeterias:

- Darien High School — High School Lane — [May 17](#) — [GOOD](#) — 100
- Hindley School — 10 Nearwater Lane — [May 4](#) — [GOOD](#) — 100
- Holmes School — 18 Hoyt St. — [May 6](#) — [GOOD](#) — 98 — Inspector's remarks: "Foods in reach-in [refrigerator] left uncovered."
- Middlesex Middle School — 204 Hollow Tree Ridge Road — [May 9](#) — [GOOD](#) — 98 — Inspector's remarks: "Rubber spatula in disrepair. Thrown away."
- Ox Ridge School — 395 Mansfield Ave. — [May 5](#) — [GOOD](#) — 98 — Inspector's remarks: "No thermometer in service bar cooling unit."
- Royle School — 133 Mansfield Ave. — [May 9](#) — [GOOD](#) — 100
- Tokeneke School — 7 Old Farm Road — [May 4](#) — [GOOD](#) — 100

### **How Darien's restaurants are rated**

Restaurants and other food-serving establishments in town are rated under the Darien Health Department's own Good/Fair/Poor ratings system. Health inspectors also use the state health code regulations to score restaurants, with a perfect score set at 100, and demerits (of 1 to 4 points each) for various code violations.

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You can find the past several inspection ratings under the Darien ratings system for food-serving establishments [on this website](#), and now you can also find copies of inspection reports, including state health code scores in the same place.

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Any establishment actually deemed unsafe can be closed by the town Health Department until violations are fixed. Town Health Director David Knauf says that has never happened in the time he's been with the department.