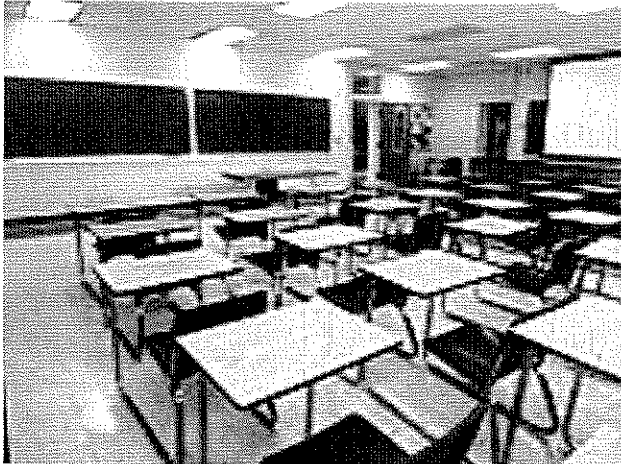


## Sacramento school closed Friday because of asbestos

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SACRAMENTO, CA - There were no classes at Fruit Ridge Elementary School Friday due to concerns about asbestos in the attic insulation.

Specialists were to be at the school Friday to test insulation in the attic crawl space above the main hall classrooms, said Sacramento City Unified School District spokeswoman Janet Weeks.

Work crews installing wireless technology in the school came in contact the insulation, potentially disrupting the asbestos.

Buildings throughout the country constructed prior to 1977 often contain asbestos.

"Out of an abundance of caution, we're going to close the school building on Friday and will make sure it is thoroughly tested and its safety is approved by experts," Superintendent Jonathan Raymond said in a statement. "Nothing is more important than the safety of our children."

Specialists will test the air in classrooms to make sure the building is safe for teachers and students to return.