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3 **NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

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5 Noxious Plant and Animal Control

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7 Each school and school site shall be maintained free of harborage for insects, rodents, and other
8 pests. Extermination methods and other measures to control pests shall conform with the
9 requirements of the DPHHS or the local health authority.

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11 All areas shall be maintained free of accumulation of debris or standing water which may
12 provide harborage for pests.

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14 Storage areas shall be maintained so as to prevent pest harborage. Lumber, pipe, and other
15 building materials shall be stored neatly.

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17 The growth of brush, weeds, and grass shall be controlled to prevent harborage of pests. School
18 grounds shall be maintained to prevent the growth of noxious weeds considered detrimental to
19 health.

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21 Integrated Pest Management Plan

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23 The District has developed and implemented an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program.
24 Students, parents, and staff shall be notified when chemicals for IPM are going to be used. The
25 school IPM shall include strategies to prevent the spread of pests.

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27 The facility manager, superintendent or other staff approved by the superintendent shall,
28 whenever practical, ensure the use of nonchemical methods to control pests, including
29 proper sanitation practices, structural repair, and window screens.

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31 Pesticide Application Notification

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33 Except as otherwise provided in this policy, the District shall notify parents or guardians of
34 students of the application of a pesticide to an area of the school that is used by or is accessible
35 to students least 24 hours before the application. The notification shall state the following:

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37 (a) A description of the area where the pesticide will be applied;
38 (b) The date and approximate time of application;
39 (c) The common or brand name of each pesticide to be used;
40 (d) The targeted pests to be controlled by the pesticide;
41 (e) Each active ingredient in the pesticide;
42 (f) The EPA registration number;
43 (g) The telephone contact number, if any, on the label of the pesticide for additional
44 information about each pesticide; and
45 (h) A contact name and telephone number at the school.
46 (i) If the application will be outdoors, the notification shall also include three dates in
47 chronological order in case the preceding date is canceled due to weather.
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During the school year, the notification required by this policy shall be made by individual notice delivered by phone, face-to-face oral communication, electronic mail, postal mail, or facsimile. The Board of Trustees authorizes the superintendent or other staff approved by the superintendent to develop a registration system to provide this notification only to those parents who wish to receive the notification. The registration shall provide written notice to the parents or guardians of the student at the beginning of the school year, or upon a child's enrollment, that pesticides may be used in or around the school. The administrator shall develop methods to permit each parent or guardian how to register to be notified at least 24 hours before a pesticide treatment.

If pesticides are used outside the school year and the school is open or to be accessible by the public, the notification required shall be prominently posted in a conspicuous location on the school premises at least 24 hours before the pesticide application is scheduled to occur.

Immediately before starting the application of a pesticide, the certified applicator shall post in the area of the school where the pesticide is to be applied, a sign 8.5x11-inch in size, or greater. Fonts shall be no smaller than 26 point (one-fourth inch). The administrator shall ensure the sign remains posted and students are kept out of the treated area until the reentry interval on the label, if any, has expired, or, if the label does not specify a reentry interval, for at least 24 hours.

Emergency Pesticide Application

The superintendent or other staff approved by the superintendent may authorize an immediate pesticide treatment without prior notification if the superintendent determines an emergency exists. An emergency includes an immediate and unanticipated threat to the health and safety of the individuals at the school. If a school administrator authorizes an emergency pesticide application all the information that is required in a notice under this policy shall be included in the record maintained as required by this policy

Exceptions to the Notice Requirements

The following pesticide applications are not subject to the notification or posting requirements of this rule:

- (a) Applications of antimicrobial pesticides;
- (b) An application where the school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72- hour period following the application of the pesticide;
- (c) Applications of rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations or in areas inaccessible to students; and
- (d) Applications of silica gels and other ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels that will be used in areas inaccessible to students.

Record Keeping

The superintendent or other staff approved by the superintendent shall keep records of pesticide applications subject to the notification and posting requirements of this rule. Records shall include:

- (a) A copy of each notice issued;
- (b) The date of application;
- (c) The name and employer of the individual who applied the pesticide, including the individual's certification number;
- (d) The rate of application;
- (e) The concentration of the pesticide applied; and
- (f) The total amount of pesticide used.

Records shall be kept for at least five years and shall be made available to the local health authority, DPHHS, or the public for review upon request.

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