

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

In accordance with Illinois regulations, the District will use this Integrated Pest Management Program. It is the policy of this School District to implement Integrated Pest Management procedures to effectively manage pests and minimize exposure of students, faculty, and staff to pesticides.

Pests

Section 3.07 of the Structural Pest Control Act (the "Act") defines "pests" to "include arthropods, (insects, spiders, mites, ticks and related pests), wood infesting organisms, rats, mice, nuisance birds and any other obnoxious or undesirable animals in, or under structures, but does not include bacteria or other micro-organisms on or in living man or other living animals." 225 ILCS 235/3.07. It is the policy of the School District to control pests in the school environment.

Pesticides

Section 3.22 of the Act defines "general use pesticide" as "any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest." 225 ILCS 235/3.25. It is the policy of this School District to control pesticides in the school environment to limit exposure for students, faculty and staff.

Integrated Pest Management

Integrated Pest Management ("IPM") is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices. Current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interactions with the environment are used, in conjunction with available pest control methods including pesticides, to manage pest damage by the most economical means and with the least amount of hazard to people, property and the environment. The choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all available options and a determination that these options alone are not acceptable, feasible or adequate. Non-chemical pest management methods will be used when possible.

IPM Coordinator

The School District shall appoint the Director of Facility Operations as IPM Coordinator who shall have primary responsibility for ensuring that the School District's IPM policy is carried out.

Integrated Pest Management Procedures

- A. The IPM Coordinator will periodically inspect and monitor pest management issues and receive reports from staff regarding these issues.
- B. The School District will establish pest tolerance thresholds and response times for common pests. If pest populations exceed the threshold level then control measures will be taken.
- C. The School District shall primarily use non-chemical prevention methods, such as sanitation and exclusion, and nontoxic, biological, cultural or mechanical pest management methods for reducing pest population, whenever possible.
- D. When other pest prevention and non-chemical control measures have failed to reduce pests below tolerance thresholds or it is determined that a pesticide must be used, then pesticides will be used.
- E. When a pesticide must be used, products that are the least harmful to human health and the environment will be used. The application of pesticides is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations and District policies.
- F. Pesticides will be used only if containerized baits, or for spot treatments targeting insect infestations or problem areas where a minimal amount of material can be used. Routine spraying of pests is prohibited. Rodent baits shall not be used unless in tamper resistant bait boxes. Routine general spraying on non-target pests is prohibited.
- G. Only individuals trained in the principles and practices of the IPM or appropriately licensed or certified in the commercial control pesticides business under the Act may apply pesticides on District property.
- H. The IPM Coordinator will review this program, on at least an annual basis, and update it as deemed appropriate.

Education and Notice Procedures

- A. Parents/Guardians will be informed annually about the School District's policy.
- B. The School District shall notify students' parents, faculty, and staff of upcoming pesticide treatments in accordance with Policy 8432.

- C. School District staff and faculty will receive information and/or training on their role in the IPM plan.

Recordkeeping

- A. A pest management log will be maintained for each property.
- B. Pesticide use records will also be maintained.
- C. A logbook containing:
 - 1. inspection sheets;
 - 2. a copy of the material safety data sheet for each pesticide product used on site, and the date and amount of each

225 ILCS 235/1 et seq.

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