

Policy 3514.2: Integrated Pest Management

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The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices with a goal of eliminating the use of all pesticides, insecticides and rodenticides.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District commits to no longer using anticoagulant rodenticides at all district facilities.

The IPM will move toward this goal by focusing on long-term prevention or suppression of pests through accurate pest identification, by frequent monitoring for pest presence, by applying appropriate action levels, and by making the habitat less conducive to pests using sanitation, mechanical and physical controls. If non-chemical methods or exempt products are ineffective, the district will consider pesticides only after careful monitoring indicates that they are needed according to pre-established action levels and will use pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, wildlife, property and the environment.

All aspects of this program will be in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations. The district will comply with the notifications, posting, recordkeeping and all other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act.

District staff will regularly update the board with information on pest populations and reports, the implementation of the IPM plan, and the use of non-toxic, exempt and toxic pesticides.
