

Policy Code: 9205 Pest Management

Pests are significant problems for people and property. The pesticides that are commonly used in pest control may pose potential risk to human health and the environment. The Board of Education is committed to maintaining a safe educational environment while also protecting the physical conditions of school facilities. To this end, the Board will utilize Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs or incorporate IPM procedures into the maintenance program conducted by the school system. The superintendent or designee will appoint an IPM contact person to facilitate the use of IPM techniques. As necessary, the superintendent will develop administrative procedures for the IPM program.

A. OVERVIEW OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

IPM is a comprehensive approach that combines effective, economic, environmentally sound, and socially acceptable methods to prevent and solve pest problems. IPM emphasizes pest prevention and provides a decision-making process for determining if, when and where pest suppression is needed and what control tactics are appropriate.

The school district's IPM program will strive to do the following:

- Minimize any potential health, environmental and economic risks from pests or from the use of pest control methods;
- Minimize loss or damage to school structures or property from pests or from the use of pest control methods;
- Minimize the risk of pests spreading into the community; and
- Enhance the quality of facility use for the school and community.

Pesticides will not be used inside District buildings based solely on a schedule. School personnel in charge of pest management will consider how and when pesticides need to be used to achieve the pest management goals.

B. USE OF IPM IN FACILITY AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

The school district shall include pest management considerations in facilities planning and maintenance. The IPM contact person, in conjunction with the school district's contracted pest management professional, will recommend to the superintendent or designee any landscaping, structural modifications, and sanitation changes needed to reduce or prevent pest problems. The superintendent or designee will review such recommendations and may authorize action to address these changes in a timely manner, as the budget permits. For significant modifications that require a significant expenditure of funds, the superintendent or designee will communicate these recommendations to the board for approval.

C. PROVIDING INFORMATION ON IPM TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Staff, students, parents and the public will be continually informed about school pest problems, school IPM policies and procedures, and their respective roles in achieving the desired pest management objectives. Each year, the principal or their designee will ensure that their school's student handbook includes the fundamentals of the District IPM program as well as a notice to parents of their right to receive notification of scheduled pesticide applications. The principal or their designee of each school shall provide notice of pesticide use at least 72 hours in advance to those parents or custodial guardians that have requested this information, to the extent possible. In addition, the 72 hour notifications will be posted on the Safety Office web site as well as additional information about the program. The Safety page is located within the District web site. Situations where this notification is waived include emergency and dangerous infestations, products including antimicrobial cleaners, disinfectants, self contained baits, crack and crevice treatments, and any

EPA class IV pesticides ("relatively non-toxic").

D. RECORDKEEPING

Records of all pest management activities shall be maintained, including inspection records, monitoring records, pest surveillance data sheets or other indicators of pest populations, and a record of structural repairs and modifications. If pesticides are used, records shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency and school board.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-12](#)(33)(d) and (e), [-36](#) and [-47](#)(45), (46) and (47)

Cross References: School Safety (policy 1510/4200/7270), Planning for Facility Needs (policy 9000), Care and Maintenance of Facilities (policy 9200)

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