

## MODEL IPM PLAN & POLICY FOR SCHOOLS

The Board of Education recognizes the potentially serious risks inherent in using chemical pesticides in the school environment, and therefore authorizes the implementation of a comprehensive Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program for all school buildings and grounds.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) will be defined as the coordinated use of physical, biological and cultural controls and least-toxic pest control products and techniques to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

Integrated Pest Management will be understood to involve the monitoring of pest populations, establishment of injury levels, modification of habitats (to eliminate sources of food, water, harborage and entry), utilization of least-toxic controls, keeping of records and evaluation of performance on an ongoing basis.

A pesticide will be defined as any insecticide, rodenticide, herbicide, acaricide, algicide, slimicide, disinfectant or other chemical utilized to kill or repel a pest.

The District is specifically charged with:

- Establishing, or recognizing an existing IPM Committee (recommended to include but not be limited to the school facility manager, superintendent, science teacher, PTSA representative, school nurse, head custodian, head groundskeeper, entomologist, teacher's union representative, and student environmental or science club president);
- Implementing, overseeing and reviewing a comprehensive IPM program as specified by the IPM Committee's Plan (either directly, or via the auspices of the IPM Committee);
- Eliminating all routine pesticide spraying and fogging;
- Eliminating the use of all organophosphate and carbamate pesticides;
- Utilizing the least-toxic pest control products and techniques appropriate;
- Posting notices in advance of any pesticide application;
- Maintaining detailed records of all pest control procedures;
- And prohibiting the use of any chemical pesticide for purely aesthetic purposes.

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