

Policy

Board of Education
Haddonfield

No. 3510

Business
Revised Critical Policy

Operation And Maintenance Of Plant

The facilities and equipment of this district represent a significant investment by the taxpayer. The Board of Education is responsible for providing school buildings that are safe from hazards; sanitary, properly equipped, lighted and ventilated; and suited to promoting the goals of the district. The CSA shall develop and implement an ongoing program of maintenance to provide such protection. School buildings and site accommodations shall include provisions for the handicapped pursuant to law and regulations.

This program shall be based on a five-year comprehensive maintenance plan with annual updates of the plan based on progress from previous year to correct violations and make improvements, compliance with regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Health, and annual inspections for sanitation and safety.

The CSA shall develop and promulgate to the staff such rules as may be necessary for the cleanliness and good order of the physical plant and grounds, and for the expeditious repair of those conditions which threaten the health and safety of the occupants or the integrity of the plant.

Integrated Pest Management

The Haddonfield Board of Education recognizes that pesticides can pose risks to people, property and the environment if used indiscriminately. It is therefore the policy of the Board to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for control of structural and landscape pests. Pests are defined as populations of living organisms (animal, plants, or microorganisms) that interfere with the human purposes for the school site. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by whether they pose a threat to people, property, or the environment.

Pests will be managed to:

1. Reduce any potential human health hazard or to protect against a significant threat to public safety.
2. Prevent loss or damage to school structures or property.
3. Prevent pests from spreading in the community, or to plant and animal populations beyond the site.
4. Enhance the quality of life standards for students, staff and others.

A. Integrated Pest Management Procedures

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural, or biological methods. Applying IPM principles prevents

unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

The choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not acceptable or are not feasible. Cost or staffing considerations, alone will not be adequate justification for use of chemical control agents, and selected non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible. It is the policy of the Board to use IPM principles to manage pest populations adequately. The full range of alternatives, including no action, will be considered.

When it is determined that a pesticide must be used in order to protect people, property, or the environment, the least hazardous material will be chosen. Organophosphate, carbamate and solvent-based pesticides will not be used without the written permission of the CSA or designee. The application of such pesticides is to the laws and regulations of federal, state and local governments, and shall normally be applied when children are not present.

B. Education

Staff, students, pest managers and the public will be educated about potential school pest problems and the Integrated Pest Management policies and procedures to be used to achieve the desired pest management objectives.

C. Record Keeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained by the Building and Grounds Department to meet the requirements of the appropriate state and federal regulatory agencies. Records must be accurate if IPM is to work. Additionally, pest surveillance data sheets which record the number of pests or other indicators of pest populations are to be maintained to verify the need for treatments.

D. Notification

The Building and Grounds Department will notify building principals of scheduled pesticide treatments. Principals will, in turn, notify students' parents or guardians and the school staff of upcoming treatments. Notices will be posted in designated areas at school and sent home with students. The CSA or designee will make notification, through normal channels when pesticide treatments are scheduled for School District athletic fields where no school is located. In the event of an emergency, pesticides may be used in a limited and localized application until notification can be made.

E. Pesticide Storage and Purchase

Pesticide purchases will be limited to the amount authorized to be used during the year. Pesticides will be stored and disposed of in accordance with the EPA-registered label directions and the state regulations. Pesticides are stored in an appropriate secure site not accessible to students or unauthorized personnel.

F. Pesticide Applicators

Employees designated as pesticide applicators must be educated and trained in the principles and practices of IPM and the use of pesticides approved by the Board, and they must follow regulations and label precautions. Applicators must be certified by the appropriate agencies.

Legal References:		Major elements; guidelines
	N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-5	
	See particularly:	
	N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-5f	
	N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8	Contents of budget; program budgeting system
	N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq.	Worker and Community Right to Know Act
	N.J.S.A. 34:6A-25 et seq.	New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act
	N.J.A.C. 5:23	Barrier free subcode of the uniform construction code
	N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.3	Quality assurance
	N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.9	School resources: finance and facilities
	N.J.A.C. 6:22-1.1 et seq.	School facility planning service
	N.J.A.C. 6:29-1.1	Purpose
	N.J.A.C. 6:29-1.3(a)5, 6i, 6iii	Policies and procedures
	N.J.A.C. 6:29-1.6	Safe drinking water
	70SC 136 et. seq.	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
		Environmental Protection Agency Regulations in 40CFR
	Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (June 1993)	

Cross References:		
	1410	Local units
	2240	Research, evaluation and planning
	3000/3010	Concepts and roles in business and noninstructional operations; goals and objectives
	3516	Safety
	5141	Health
	6161	Equipment, books and materials
	7110	Long-range facilities planning
	9130	Committees

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