

MANDATORY

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Structural and landscape pests can pose significant problems to people, property, and the environment; however, the pesticides used to solve these problems carry their own risks. It is the policy of the Board of Education to follow Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles that will prevent unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

The individual responsible for physical upkeep of all buildings and property of the Board shall take the following steps for all buildings and property of the Board:

1. Identify any pests, whether animals, plants, or microorganisms, and the conditions attracting such pests, found on Board property.
2. Implement techniques to prevent the occurrence or spread of pests including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Sanitation,
 - b. Vacuuming,
 - c. Structural repair and sealing.
3. Monitor buildings, structures, parking lots, sidewalks, and unimproved Board property on a regular and ongoing basis to locate the presence of pests or conditions attractive to such pests, to monitor known pest populations, and to evaluate any treatment applied to the pest populations.
4. Educate and train staff, students, administrative personnel, custodial staff, and pest managers, as appropriate, about potential school pest problems and IPM policies and procedures.
5. Review all alternatives, including no action or continued monitoring, when a pest population is identified.
6. If necessary to treat the pest population with a pesticide, approve the use of a pesticide with the least toxic chemical impact.
7. Establish a procedure by which students, parents, and staff are notified at least _____ () days in advance of application of a chemical pesticide on Board property, except in the case of an emergency, where notice may be given as soon as possible.

LEGAL REFS: O.A.C. §3701-54-09(M)(12)

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