

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The Board is committed to providing students with a safe learning environment free of pests, pesticides and other harmful chemicals through adoption of an integrated pest management policy. The goals of the district's integrated pest management program are:

1. to provide the healthiest learning environment possible by preventing unnecessary exposure of students and staff to toxic pesticides;
2. to promote safer alternatives to chemical pesticides while preventing economic and health damage caused by pests;
3. to ensure that clear and accurate notification concerning the use of pesticides is given so that measures may be taken to prevent and address pest problems effectively without endangering the health of those within the school building, and
4. to reduce the need for reliance on chemical pesticides.

The Board directs the administration to develop regulations that detail cost-effective strategies that reduce the use of pesticides that pose health risks to students and staff. The regulations must include procedures for the identification of pests and conditions that attract pests, prevention and monitoring techniques, education and training, approved least toxic chemical use and prenotification of chemical use.

Parents of minor students, adult students and staff enrolled or employed at the school may request to receive prior notification of scheduled service visits by pesticide businesses in which pesticides may be applied, or of scheduled pesticide applications by licensed school employees.

In order to keep the facilities and grounds safe, the administration may investigate a variety of chemical and nonchemical methods that are designed to control pests effectively while minimizing potential exposure to students and staff.

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Legal Refs.: Public Employment Risk Reduction Program, ORC 4167.01 et seq.
 ORC 921.01; 921.06; 921.16; 921.18
 OAC 901:5-11-4 and 5-11-15

Cross Refs.: EB, Safety Program
 EBAA, Reporting of Hazards
 EBBC, Bloodborne Pathogens
 EBC, Emergency/Safety Plans
 GBE, Staff Health and Safety
 ING, Animals in the Schools

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