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Purpose

The school shall utilize integrated pest management procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

The school shall integrate IPM education into the curriculum in accordance with relevant academic standards.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Definitions

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information to design and implement pest control methods that are economically, environmentally and socially sound. IPM promotes prevention over remediation and advocates integration of at least two (2) or more strategies to achieve long-term solutions.

Integrated Pest Management Plan is a plan that establishes a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health and environmental risks.[\[3\]](#)

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee establishes that the school shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs.[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

The Joint Operating Committee shall adopt an Integrated Pest Management Plan for the building and grounds that complies with policies and regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture.[\[3\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

The Joint Operating Committee shall designate an employee to serve as IPM Coordinator for the school.

Delegation of Responsibility

The IPM Coordinator shall be responsible to implement Integrated Pest Management procedures and to coordinate communications between the school and the approved contractor.

The IPM Coordinator shall be responsible to annually notify parents/guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in the building and on school grounds.[\[6\]](#)

The IPM Coordinator shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the administrative office.[\[6\]](#)

Appropriate personnel involved in making decisions relative to pest management shall participate in update training.

Guidelines

Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and site appropriate pesticides.

An integrated pest management decision shall consist of the following five (5) steps:

1. Identify pest species.
2. Estimate pest populations and compare to established action thresholds.
3. Select the appropriate management tactics based on current on-site information.
4. Assess effectiveness of pest management.
5. Keep appropriate records.

When pesticide applications are scheduled in the building and on school grounds, the school shall provide notification in accordance with law, including:[\[6\]](#)

1. Posting a pest control sign in an appropriate area.
2. Providing the pest control information sheet to all individuals working in the building.
3. Providing required notice to all parents/guardians of students or to a list of parents/guardians who have requested notification of individual applications of pesticides.

Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the school may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any parent/guardian who has requested such notification.[\[6\]](#)