

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The Board is committed to providing students with a safe learning environment free of pests and 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 children 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.

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 REF.: 29 CFR 1910.1030
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act,
42 USC 9601 et seq.
Public Employment Risk Reduction Act; ORC 4167.01 et seq.

CROSS REFS.: EB, Safety Program
EBBC, Bloodborne Pathogens
GBE, Staff Health and Safety