

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Pesticide Policy

Pest Management/Pesticide Application

In determining when to control pest and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural or biological means, the District shall follow the principals of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the District follows Integrated Pest Management procedures so as to use the most appropriate and least toxic method of control.

Procedures shall include the following:

1. The choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all available options and a determination that these options are not acceptable or not feasible. The full range of alternatives, including no action, will be taken.
2. Select non-chemical pest management methods will be used whenever possible to provide the desired control. Cost of staffing considerations alone will not be adequate justification for use of chemical control agents.
3. The pest and site of infestation shall be carefully identified. Strategies for managing the pest will be influenced by the pest species and whether the species poses a threat to people, property and the environment.
4. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, the least hazardous material will be chosen and applied in accordance with EPA registered label directions.
5. Pesticides shall not be stored on site.
6. The following records shall be maintained at each school site:
 - a. Records of pesticides used at the site for a period of five years.
 - b. Pest surveillance data sheets that record the number of pest or other indicators of pest populations that verified the need for treatments.

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7. Persons applying pesticides shall follow label precautions and shall be trained in the principals of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Persons applying registered use pesticides shall be trained, certified and licensed applicators or under the direct supervision of a Certified Supervisory Applicator as required by the Department of Environmental Protection. Sanitary measures shall be enforced and buildings regularly cleaned and repaired in order to prevent infestation, minimize the use of pesticides, and eliminate routine spraying.
8. Sanitary measures shall be enforced and buildings regularly cleaned and repaired in order to prevent infestations, minimize the use of pesticides and to eliminate routine spraying.
9. An emergency application of pesticide is defined as when an application of pesticides is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health and where it is impractical to obtain the service of a certified pesticide applicator provided such emergency application does not involve a restricted use pesticide as defined below. Restricted use pesticides may be used only by certified applicators or under their direct supervision. (Note: Restricted use pesticides, classified by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency or the DEP are those which may present a hazard to the applicator or other people by reason of acute dermal or inhalation toxicity or which may have an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment.)
10. At the beginning of each school year, the Board of Education shall provide the staff of each school and the parents/guardians of each child enrolled in each school with written guidelines on how the integrated pest management plan is to be implemented and shall provide the parents and guardians of each child enrolled in each school with a statement that shall include a summary of the integrated pest management plan for the school. Such statements and descriptions shall also be provided to the parents/guardians of any child who transfers to a school during the school year.
11. The aforementioned required statement shall indicate to staff, parents and guardians that they may register for prior notice of school pesticide applications. Further, the emergency notification procedures to be used will be described.
12. Parents/guardians and staff may register for prior notice of pesticide application. Each school shall maintain a registry of persons requesting such notice. Prior to the application of pesticides within any building or on school grounds, persons who have registered for prior notice shall be notified by any means practicable on or before the day that any application of pesticide is to take place at a school. In addition, prior to any application of pesticide, the school district's home page must indicate how parents may register for prior notice of

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pesticide applications. Notice of pesticide applications shall be posted not less than twenty-four hours prior to such application through (a) the home page of the Internet website for the school where such application will occur, or, in the event such school does not have a website, on the home page of the Internet website for the Board, and (b) the primary social media account of such school or the Board.

13. By March 15th of each year, the Board shall send an annual notice via e-mail notification or alert system for applications made since January first of such year and a listing of such notices for applications made during the March fifteenth through December thirty-first timeframe from the preceding calendar year. This annual summary of applications shall also be published in parent handbooks, manuals or annual notices.
14. The aforementioned notice shall include the (1) name of the active ingredient of the pesticide to be applied, (2) the target pest, (3) location of the application, (4) date of application, and (5) the name of the school administrator or designee who may be contacted for further information.
15. No application of pesticide, after July 1, 2000, may be made in any building or on school grounds during regular school hours or during planned activities at the school except on an emergency application.
16. If an emergency application is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health, such application shall not involve a restricted use pesticide and no child or staff member may enter the area of such application until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label.
17. In cases of an emergency application, effective July 1, 2000, prior notice is not necessary except that on or before the day the application is to take place, prior notice is given to those persons who have previously requested such notice.
18. The following definitions shall apply to this policy:
“Integrated pest management” means use of all available pest control techniques, including judicious use of pesticides, when warranted, to maintain a pest population at or below an acceptable level, while decreasing the use of pesticides
“Pesticide” means a fungicide used on plants, an insecticide, a herbicide or a rodenticide, but does not mean a sanitizer, disinfectant, antimicrobial agent or pesticide bait
“Restricted use pesticide” means any pesticide or pesticide use classified as restricted by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or by the commissioner

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“Social media” means an electronic medium where users may create and view user-generated content, such as uploaded or downloaded videos or still photographs, blogs, video blogs, podcasts or instant messages.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

§10-231a Pesticide applications at schools: Definitions

§10-231b Pesticide applications at schools: Authorized applications.
Ban. Exceptions.

§10-231d Pesticide applications at schools with an integrated pest
management plan

22a-47(cc) Definitions

22a-66a(a)(2) Notification of the application of pesticides

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PESTICIDE APPLICATION PLAN

Date of planned application: _____ Day of week: _____
(It is recommended for application to occur on a weekend or during a vacation period.)

Which pesticide(s) will be used. (Attach MSDS)

(Choose for safety and effectiveness)

Location/size of area(s) to be treated:

Target pest(s): _____

Who will do the pest control: (Circle one) Staff Contractor
Name(s): _____
License number(s) _____
Firm (if applicable): _____

For interior treatment:

Does the building have active ventilation that can be left on after application? _____
If not, who is responsible for opening windows at least (6) hours before staff and students reenter? _____

For all applications:

Who will post the building or treated grounds with (1) date of application; (2) pesticide(s) used; and (3) when the area can be used again? _____

Pesticides will not be stored on school grounds.

Approved by school/district administrator: _____ Date: _____
School nurse _____ informed: _____
Other(s) _____ informed: _____