

PROCEDURES**Pest Control – Integrated Pest Management**

Structural and landscape pests can pose significant problems to people, property, and environment. Pesticides can also pose risks to people, property, and the environment. It is, therefore, the policy of Wyandotte Public Schools to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Procedures for control of structural and landscape pests.

Pests

Pests are a population of living organisms (animals, plants, or microorganisms) that interfere with use of the school site for human purposes. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by pest species and whether that species poses a threat to people, property, or the environment.

Pest Management

Approved pest management plans will be developed for the site and will include any proposed pest management measures.

Pests will be managed to:

- Reduce any potential human health hazard or to protect against a significant threat to public safety.
- Prevent loss of or damage to school structures or property.
- Prevent pests from spreading into the community, or to plant and animal populations beyond the site.
- Enhance the quality of life for students, staff, and others.

Integrated Pest Management Procedures

IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural, or biological means. IPM practitioners depend on current, comprehensive information on the pest and its environment and the best available pest control methods. Applying IPM principles prevents 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 choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not acceptable or are not feasible. Cost or staffing considerations alone will not be adequate justification for use of chemical control agents, and selected non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible to provide the desired control. It is the policy of Wyandotte Public Schools to utilize IPM principles to manage pest populations adequately. The full range of alternatives, including no action, will be considered. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used in order to meet important management goals, the least hazardous* material will be chosen. The application of pesticides is subject to the Federal Insecticide Fungicide, Rodenticide Act (7 United States Code 136

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et seq.), Wyandotte Public Schools Policies and Procedures, Environmental Protection Agency regulations in Code 40 of Federal Regulations, Occupational Safety and Health Administration Regulations, and State and local regulations.

Education

Staff, students, pest managers, and the public will be educated about potential school pest problems and the IPM Policies and Procedures to be used to achieve the desired pest management objectives.

Record Keeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained in the office of each school building. Records must be current and accurate if IPM is to work. In addition, pest surveillance data sheets that record the number of pests or other indicators of pest populations are to be maintained to verify the need for treatments.

Notification

Wyandotte Public Schools takes the responsibility to annually notify the staff and parents of scheduled monthly pesticide treatments. Notices will be posted in designated areas (all buildings) outlining the dates for monthly inspections/treatments with directions on who to contact with questions.

Pesticide Storage and Purchases

Pesticide purchases will be limited to the amount authorized for use during the year. Pesticides will be stored and disposed of in accordance with the EPA-registered label directions and State regulations. Pesticides must be stored in an appropriate, secure site not accessible to students or unauthorized personnel.

Pesticide Applicators

Wyandotte Public Schools will contract their IPM program with a licensed and insured pest control company. Company pesticide applicators will be educated and trained in the principles and practices of IPM, only use pesticides approved by State and Federal regulations, and follow all labeled precautions. Applicators will be certified and comply with the Wyandotte Public Schools IPM Policy and Procedures, and Integrated Pest Management Plan.

*PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL PESTICIDE LABELS. SIGNAL WORDS INDICATE THE LEVEL OF ACUTE TOXICITY AND THE HAZARD TO HUMANS POSED BY THE PESTICIDE PRODUCT. EVERY LABEL BEARS THE CHILD HAZARD WARNING:

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

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