
NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Mt. Lebanon School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building maintenance, office and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use pesticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to manage a pest problem. A pesticide will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When a pesticide is necessary, the school will try to use the least toxic product that is effective. Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application.

Staff and parents or guardians of students enrolled at _____ school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please complete the attached form and return it to the _____ school within 30 days of the date of this letter.

If a pesticide application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any staff, parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids; and swimming pool maintenance chemicals.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Richard Marciniak, Director of Facilities, at 412-344-2092, or Annette Novak who is the District's IPM coordinator, at 412-344-2191.

Sincerely,

Principal

MT. LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION REGISTRY FORM

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

School: _____

Student(s) Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

- Yes, I wish to be notified of pesticide applications in my child's building.
- No, I do not wish to be notified of pesticide applications in my child's building.

We strive to make the application of pesticides and herbicides to our district's fields on weekends to avoid having students present during application. Mt. Lebanon School District has a licensed applicator apply these chemicals to our fields.

- Yes, I wish to be notified of pesticide/herbicide applications on district grounds.
- No, I do not wish to be notified of pesticide/herbicide applications on district grounds.