

Lower Merion School District

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The District shall utilize Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the chemicals used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the coordinated use of pest environmental information to design and implement pest control methods that are economically, environmentally and socially sound. IPM promotes prevention over remediation, and it advocates the 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 environment risks.

- A. The Board establishes that the District shall use pesticides in conjunction with considerations of other alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness, and costs.
- B. The Board shall adopt an Integrated Pest Management Plan for District buildings and grounds that complies with policies and regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture.
- C. The District shall integrate IPM education into the curriculum in accordance with relevant academic standards.
- D. A District IPM committee shall be formed comprised of appropriate members of staff.
- E. The Superintendent shall designate an employee to serve as IPM coordinator for the District.
- F. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to annually notify parents/guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds.
- G. Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the District may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any parent/guardian who has requested such notification.
- H. Appropriate personnel involved in making decisions relative to pest management shall participate in updated training.

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- I. The District shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the District's administrative office.

Legal References:

Title 22 § 4.12
School Code 722.1, 722.2
7 Pa. Code § 128 et seq.
3 Pa. C.S.A. § 111.21-111.61
7 U.S.C. § 136 et seq.