

8432 - PEST CONTROL AND USE OF PESTICIDES

The Corporation is committed to providing students a safe environment. It seeks to prevent children from being exposed to pests and pesticides. While pesticides protect children from pests that may be found in the school and its surrounding grounds, under some circumstances they may pose a hazard to children. Therefore, pest control practices may involve a variety of chemical and non-chemical methods that are designed to control pests effectively while minimizing potential pesticide exposure to children.

The Corporation will:

- A. Inform, annually, parents and staff members of the Corporation's pest control policy at the beginning of the school year as a provision in the student and staff handbooks.
- B. Provide the name and phone number of the person to contact for information regarding pest control.
- C. Maintain a registry of parents, guardians, and staff members who want to receive advance notice of all pesticide use, and, provide such notice at the start of each school year and during the school year when a student enrolls in or transfers into a school.

The Corporation's notice at the start of each school year shall invite parents, guardians, and staff members to be added to the pesticide notification list, and the Corporation shall permit a person to be added to the registry at any time upon their request.

- D. Provide notice of planned pesticide applications to parents and employees who have requested advanced notice.
- E. Provide notice of all pesticide applications to school nurses.
- F. Maintain written/printed/electronic records for two (2) years of any pesticide applications, and make these records available to anyone for inspection and copying upon request.

The Corporation will provide notice at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time the pesticide application is to occur. The notice will include the date and time of the pesticide application, the general area where the pesticide is to be applied and the telephone number to contact the school for more information.

In case of emergency, pesticide applications because of immediate threat to the public health, the school shall give written notice as soon as possible.

The Corporation may provide for training of school employees to become certified pest control applicators. Financial support for such training may be provided by the Corporation subject to budgetary constraints of the Corporation.

The Superintendent shall prepare and disseminate regulations for the implementation of this policy.

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