

Ventura Unified School District Integrated Pest Management Plan

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IPM statement

It is the goal of the Ventura Unified School District to implement IPM by focusing on long-term prevention or suppression of pests through accurate pest identification, by frequent monitoring for pest presence, and by making the habitat less conducive to pests using sanitation and mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that are effective will be used in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment, and only after other options have been shown ineffective.

IPM team

The VUSD Pest Management on Schools policy, adopted in 1999, outlines the composition of the of the IPM team

Name and/or Title	Role in IPM program
Terri Allison, Facilities Manager	IPM Coordinator, voting member
Eric Reynolds, District Risk Manager	Voting member
Sabrina Rodriguez, Parent	Voting member
Phil Boise, Consultant	Non-voting member
Renee Herrera, District IPM tech	Non-voting member

Pest management contracting

- Pest management services are contracted to a licensed pest control business.
Orkin Pest Control –
(818) 361-2550

- Prior to entering into a contract, VUSD has confirmed that the pest control business understands the training requirement and other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act.

Pest identification, monitoring and inspection

Pest Identification is done by:

- Rene Herrera, VUSD IPM Tech
- Phil Boise, IPM Consultant
- Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's Office
- UC Cooperative Extension.

Monitoring and inspecting for pests and conditions that lead to pest problems are done regularly by the District IPM tech and through work orders submitted by school sites. Monitoring results are communicated to the IPM Coordinator.

Monitoring Methods:

The most effective monitoring method is through work orders. Teachers, staff and students are the most attentive to pest presence at their particular sites and actively report sightings and damage. As needed the IPM Tech will use Lo-Line or other monitoring traps, tracking dust, visual inspections and transects to monitor for pest presence or shifts in populations.

Pests and non-chemical management practices

This school district has identified the following pests and routinely uses the following non-chemical practices to prevent pests from reaching the action level:

Pest	Remove food	Fix leaks	Seal cracks	Install barriers	Physical removal	Traps	Manage irrigation	Other
Ants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Staff education
Water bugs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Weeds				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Weed whip, hand removal, habitat modification
Gophers				<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		Trapping, use of non-pesticidal captured exhaust
Ground sqrl				<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		Barriers, habitat modification

Chemical pest management practices

If non-chemical methods are ineffective, VUSD will consider pesticides only after careful monitoring indicates that they are needed and will use pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property and the environment.

VUSD expects the following pesticides (pesticide products and active ingredients) to be applied during the year. (This list includes pesticides that will be applied by school district staff or licensed pest control businesses.):

Active ingredient/pesticide name - (approved pesticide list per AR 3514,11c).

- Bacillus Thuringiensis/Safer Caterpillar Killer
- Corn Gluten Meal/Bio Weed; Supressa
- Diatomaceous Earth/Concern
- Indoxacarb/Advion Ant Gel/Advion Roach Bait
- Iron Phosphate/Sluggo
- Isoboric Acid/Niban
- Petroleum Oil/Volck Supreme Spray
- Potassium Salts/Safer Insecticidal Soap
- Orthoboric Acid/Borid
- Orthoboric Acid/Drax Ant Kill PF
- Orthoboric Acid/Terro
- Vinegar/Citric Acid/GreenErgy Weed Killer

***LIMITED USE:**

- Fipronil/Termindor*
- Glyphosate/Round up*
- Diphocinone/Squirrel Bait/Wilco Squirrel Bait*
- Diphocinone/Squirrel Bait/Gopher Blox*
- Diphocinone/Gopher Bait/ Gopher Getter II*
- Sodium/ Potassium Nitrate 45%, Sulphur, Carbon 45%, Other 2%/Gopher Gasser, Giant Destroyer*
- Natria Weed and Grass Killer

Healthy Schools Act

- VUSD complies with the notification, posting, recordkeeping, and all other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act. (Education Code Sections 17608 - 17613, 48980.3; Food & Agricultural Code Sections 13180 - 13188). In addition, the VUSD Pest Management policy exceeds state notification provisions by requiring posting and notification a minimum of 72 hours in advance of application.

Training

Every year VUSD employees who make pesticide applications receive the following training prior to pesticide use:

- Pesticide specific safety training (Title 3 California Code of Regulations 6724)
- School IPM training course approved by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (Education Code Section 16714; Food & Agricultural Code Section 13186.5).

Submittal of pesticide use reports

- Reports of all pesticides applied by VUSD staff during the calendar year, except pesticides exempt¹ from HSA recordkeeping, are submitted to the Department of Pesticide Regulation at least annually, by January 30 of the following year, using the form provided at www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm. (Education Code Section 16711)

Notification

VUSD has made this IPM plan publicly available online at:

Parents and staff are provided the web address in annual mailings, as well as through each campus office.

Review

This IPM plan will be reviewed (and revised, if needed) at least annually to ensure that the information provided is still true and correct. Date of next review: **June 2021**

I acknowledge that I have reviewed this school district's IPM Plan and it is true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

¹ These pesticides are exempt from all Healthy Schools Act requirements, except the training requirement: 1) products used in self-contained baits or traps, 2) gels or pastes used as crack and crevice treatments, 3) antimicrobials, and 4) pesticides exempt from U.S. EPA registration. (Education Code Section 17610.5)