

BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATION

Hazardous Material in Schools

Administrative Regulations: Pest Management/Pesticide Application

In determining when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural or biological means, the District shall follow the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The Superintendent or his/her designee shall ensure that the District follows Integrated Pest Management procedures so as to use the most appropriate and least toxic method of control.

Procedures shall include the following:

1. 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 not feasible. The full range of alternatives, including no action, will be taken.
2. Selected non-chemical pest management methods will be used whenever possible to provide the desired control. Cost or staffing considerations alone will not be adequate justification for use of chemical control agents.
3. The pest and the site of infestation shall be carefully identified. Strategies for managing the pest will be influenced by the pest species and whether that species poses a threat to people, property or the environment.
4. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, the least hazardous material will be chosen and applied in accordance with EPA registered label directions.
5. Pesticides shall be stored in a secure site not accessible to students or unauthorized staff. Such storage and any disposal of the pesticide shall be in accordance with the EPA registered label directions.
6. Staff, students and parents/guardians shall receive information about the District's Integrated Pest Management policy and procedures and notification of any upcoming pesticide treatments. Notice of upcoming pesticide treatments shall also be posted in areas designated by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
7. A copy of the record of each pesticide application at a school shall be maintained at the school for a period of five (5) years, which record shall include the information required by Section 22a-66a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time.
8. Persons applying pesticides shall follow label precautions and shall be trained in the principles and practices of IPM. Sanitary measures shall be enforced and buildings

regularly cleaned and repaired in order to prevent infestations, minimize the use of pesticides, and eliminate routine spraying.

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10. An emergency application of pesticides is defined as when an application of pesticides is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health and where it is impractical to obtain the services of a certified pesticide applicator provided such emergency application does not involve a restricted use pesticide as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22a-47. Restricted use pesticides may be used only by certified applicators or under their direct supervision.

11. At the beginning of each school year, the Board of Education shall provide the staff of each school and the parents/guardians of each child enrolled in each school with written guidelines on how the integrated pest management plan is to be implemented and shall provide the parents or guardians of each child enrolled in each school with a statement that shall include a summary of the integrated pest management plan for the school. Such statements and descriptions shall also be provided to the parents/guardians of any child who transfers to a school during the school year.

12. The aforementioned required statement shall indicate to staff, parents and guardians that they may register for prior notice of school pesticide applications. Further, the emergency notification procedures to be used will be described.

13. Parents/guardians and staff may register for prior notice of pesticide applications. Each school shall maintain a registry of persons requesting such notice. Prior to the application of pesticides within any building or on school grounds, persons who have registered for prior notice shall be notified by any means practicable on or before the day that any application of pesticide is to take place at a school.

14. The aforementioned notice shall include the (1) name of the active ingredient of the pesticide to be applied, (2) location of the application, (3) date of application, (4) the name of the school administrator or his/her designee who may be contacted for further information.

15. No application of pesticide may be made in any building or on school grounds during regular school hours or during planned activities at the school except for an emergency application.

16. If an emergency application is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health, such application shall not involve a restricted use pesticide and no child may

enter the area of such application until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label.

17. In cases of an emergency application, prior notice is not necessary except that on or before the day the application is to take place, prior notice is given to those persons who have previously requested such notice.

18. Prohibition on Use of Lawn Care Pesticides at District Schools with Students through Grade 8:

There shall be no application of any lawn care pesticide on the grounds of any school with students in grade eight (8) or lower, except on an emergency basis, subject to applicable Connecticut statutory and regulatory provisions and the conditions set forth above.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-231a

10-231b

10-231d

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United States Code:

Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. § 136 et seq.

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