



Kutztown Area School District

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CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF REGISTRATION, RESIDENCY AND GUARDIANSHIP

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~Maximize potential, embrace change, create the future~

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

State legislation mandates a program for chemical usage and pesticide management.

Notification Letter for Parents or Guardians

The Kutztown Area 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. 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 district 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.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please notify the IPM Coordinator in writing. Please include your email address if you would like to be notified electronically. The District would prefer that you use electronic mail. Parent notification letters should be addressed to: Kutztown Area School District, Attn: Richard Laubenstein, IPM Coordinator, 50 Trexler Avenue, Kutztown, PA 19530.

The district will acknowledge receipt of all parent/guardian letters within five to seven days. If you do not receive a school district acknowledgement, please contact Teresa Merkel in the administration office at 484-641-5533.

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.

Each year the school district will prepare a new notification registry. Parents or guardians must notify the school district annually, in writing, if their child should be placed on this list.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Laubenstein, IPM Coordinator, at 484-641-5540 or Teresa Merkel at 484-641-5533.

Kutztown Area School District does not discriminate in our educational programs, activities or employment practices, based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ancestry or any other legally protected classification. This policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. Information relative to special accommodation, grievance procedure, and the designated responsible official for compliance with Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 may be obtained by contacting the school district, Superintendent and Compliance Officer, Mr. Christian Temchatin, CTemchatin@kasd.org, 610-683-7361. EOE

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