

POLICY NO. 3510
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PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION, POSTING, AND RECORD KEEPING

POLICY:

The Superintendent is directed to develop procedures to assure that the District complies with the requirements of law regarding pesticide notification, posting, and record keeping. This includes procedures for the annual notification of staff and parents of the District's pest control policies and methods; pre-notification of staff and parents of pesticide applications; posting of sites of pesticide applications; and record keeping, including an annual summary report of pesticide usage.

Legal Reference: RCW 17.21 Pesticide Application Act

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PROCEDURES:

Each employee shall be annually notified of the District's policy and procedures regarding the use of pesticides on school property. Dissemination will occur through one or more of the following: school newsletters, display on bulletin boards, and/or incorporating into employee handbooks. An annual notice to the public will be published in district correspondence and/or local news media for the community. Parents will be informed through district and building newsletters and student handbooks will maintain current information on this topic.

The District shall comply with all legal requirements for record keeping regarding the application of pesticides to school grounds or school facilities. This includes creation of an annual summary report of pesticide usage and compliance with the State Department of Agriculture rules regarding record keeping. Such records will be available on request by interested persons under the State's Public Records Act and other laws.

Roundup and Surflan (a pre-emergent for weed control) are regularly applied to fence lines, under benches, and on right of ways throughout the District during spring break and summer vacation. Casoron is applied to flower beds during Christmas vacation. All district grounds staff that apply pesticides shall meet and maintain the requirements for a Commercial Pesticide Operator License in accordance with the provisions of Washington State requirements. The District's grounds keeping staff will conduct the majority of pesticide application; however, contractors may make applications periodically as determined necessary by the Grounds Lead.

At least 48 hours before the application of a pesticide to school facilities or school grounds, the District shall notify parents and staff of the planned application in writing, including the heading, "Notice: Pesticide Application." This notice shall be posted in a prominent place in the building office in addition to being provided to parents and staff. This pre-notification is not required if the school grounds or facilities will not be occupied by students for two days following the application of the pesticide. If the application is not made within 48 hours of the notification another notification shall be made prior to the application. This pre-notification is not required in the case of any emergency application pesticides to a school facility, such as an application to control stinging pests, but full notification shall be made as soon as possible after the application.

Following the application of a pesticide to school facilities (structures and vehicles) a sign shall be posted at the location of the application. The notice shall be at least 8.5 X 11 inches in size; shall include the heading, "Notice: Pesticide Application;" and shall state the product name, date, time, and specific location of the application, the pest for which the application was made, and a contact name and telephone number. The notice shall remain posted for 24 hours or longer if required by the label of the pesticide.

Following the application of a pesticide to school grounds a notice shall be posted at the location of the application and at each primary point of entry to the grounds. The notice shall be at least 4 X 5 inches in size and state that the landscape recently had been treated with a pesticide and provide a contact name and telephone number. The notice shall remain posted for 24 hours or longer if required by the label of the pesticide.

These notices are not required for the application of antimicrobial pesticides (substances used to sanitize or disinfect microbial pests, viruses, bacteria, algae, and protozoa). These notices are not required for the placement of insect or rodent bait that are not accessible to children.