

PEST CONTROL POLICY

The school 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.

This policy does not apply to the use of the following pesticides: 1) When used in normal cleaning activities: germ killers, disinfectants, sanitizing agents, water purifiers, and swimming pool chemicals; 2) personal insect repellents when self-applied; and 3) gel baits or manufactured enclosed insecticides when used where students and staff members do not have access to the insecticides.

Pesticides will be applied by certified pesticide applicators and to the extent possible when students and staff members are not present, such as during non-instructional time or school vacation periods.

The corporation will:

1. Inform annually parents and staff members of the corporation's pest control policy and to the extent practical notice of routine pesticide applications by a separate memorandum or as a provision in the student handbook.
2. Provide the name and phone number of the person to contact for information regarding pest control.
3. Maintain written record for at least 90 days of any pesticide applications.

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

PEST CONTROL
Regulations

In an attempt to assure proper control of any pesticides that might be used on corporation premises, these procedures are established. "Pesticide" for application of these regulations only is defined as a fungicide used on plants, an insecticide, an herbicide, or a rodenticide. *These regulations do not apply to the use of the following pesticides: germ killers, disinfectants, sanitizing agents, water purifiers, swimming pool chemicals used in normal cleaning activities, personal insect repellents when self-applied, and gel baits or manufactured enclosed insecticides when used where students and staff members do not have access to the insecticides.*

The intent of this regulation is to prevent exposure of staff members and students to pesticides.

1. Pesticides will be applied only by certified pesticide applicators or individuals operating under their supervision in school buildings or on school grounds. The certified pesticide applicator shall train non-certified staff members who apply pesticides. The training must include:
 - a. A review of the corporation's pest control policy;
 - b. A review of the label instructions for the pesticides to be used;
 - c. Methods to determine when an application of a pesticide is necessary;
 - d. How to minimize potential pesticide exposure to students, teachers and staff;
 - e. What activities are prohibited; and
 - f. Written documentation of the training.
2. Pesticide applications will be done during non-instructional time or during vacation periods.
3. When inspections are conducted by an independent contractor, the contractor should contact the building administrator no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled inspection to discuss any problems with pests so that the contractor may inform the building administrator what pesticides will be applied on the date of the scheduled inspection. The staff of the building will also be notified of the date of application.
4. 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. Restricted use pesticides may be used only by certified applicators or under their direct supervision.
5. Annually the staff members of each school and the parents of each child enrolled in each school shall receive written notice of the Board's policy on pesticide applications, and the name and telephone number of the school contact person for pest control information. This information may be given in the form of a memorandum or as a provision in the student and/or staff handbook.
6. Any pesticide should not be applied when children are in the room or on school grounds in or near the area to be treated.

7. If an emergency application is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health, no person may enter the area of such application until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label.
8. In cases of an emergency application, prior notice is not required. Upon request, information will be provided regarding the application.
9. A copy of the records of each pesticide application at a school shall be maintained for at least 90 days. The records will contain the following information:
 - a. Date and time of the inspection and pesticide application;
 - b. Pests found during inspection;
 - c. Brand name and active ingredient of pesticide(s);
 - d. EPA registration number of pesticide(s);
 - e. Areas treated;
 - f. Name of applicator; and
 - g. Source for obtaining information on the pesticide label(s), material safety data sheets(s), and/or fact sheet(s) for end use concentrations.
10. Whenever practical, non-chemical controls shall be used. The least toxic formulations and safest methods of application will be selected when there is a choice of pesticide products with comparable effectiveness.
11. Storage of pesticides will be kept to a minimum. All pesticide label storage instructions will be followed explicitly. All such products and the application equipment will be stored away from food products or occupied rooms in a locked area clearly marked as containing pesticides.
12. All pesticide products will have complete label instructions, will remain in the original container and Material Safety Data Sheet will be on file and readily available to any employee who must handle such materials or who may have been exposed to the product. This information shall also be available to any member of the public upon request.
13. All applications of pesticides will be made in strict compliance with label instructions.
14. School corporation employees responsible for handling and applying pesticides shall have specific pesticide training.
15. Training for school employees to become certified pest control applicators is available. The corporation may provide for financial support of such training for employees designated by the Superintendent, or his or her designee, as needing such training. Such financial support will be subject to the availability of budgetary funds and the approval of the Board.

The Superintendent or his or her designee(s) shall be the contact person for providing information regarding pesticide application activities at the school site.

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Lafayette School Corporation
Pesticide Application

Date of Application: _____ Day of Week: _____

Which pesticide(s) were used?

Location/size of area(s) treated:

Who completed the pest control: (Circle one) Staff Contractor

Name(s) _____

License Number(s) _____

Firm (if applicable) _____

For Interior Treatment:

Did the building have active ventilation that was left on after the application? _____

If not, who was responsible for opening windows at least six (6) hours before staff and students re-enter? _____

Will unused pesticides be stored on school grounds? _____ Yes _____ No

If "Yes", where? _____

Reviewed by Grounds Supervisor: _____
Signature Date

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