The School District of Haverford Township

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY

The School District of Haverford Township (SDHT) Facilities use Integrated Pest Management to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment. IPM emphasizes nonchemical strategies such as sanitation and exclusion to achieve long-term solutions.

Pesticides are to be used in SDHT facilities as a last resort after nonchemical strategies have been exhausted only by certified commercial applicators and only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs. Staff is not permitted in any area where a pesticide has been applied to exposed surfaces for a minimum of seven hours. SDHT will maintain a limited list of approved pesticides for use when required. Products will be selected after careful consideration of hazards. The list will be reviewed annually by the IPM Coordinator and Safety Committee.

When pesticide applications are scheduled for the SDHT managed buildings and grounds, SDHT shall provide notification including:

1. Posting a pest control information sign with the date, time and location of the application and the product applied in an appropriate area and including contact information for additional details. Information must be made available on potential adverse effects of pesticides, derived from Material/ Safety Data Sheets (SDS), pesticide product labels, EPA, and other sources.

2. Providing this information to all individuals working in the building.

3. Providing this information to all staff, students, parents and guardians who have requested notification of individual applications of pesticides.

Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety patients, visitors or employees, SDHT may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any guardian who has requested such notification. Disinfectants, anti-microbials and self-contained or gel-type pesticide baits applied in inaccessible areas are exempt from posting, notification and the 7-hour reentry requirement.