

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) SYSTEM; PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION, POSTING AND RECORD KEEPING

The Longview School District will provide a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and members of the community who use school properties. To this end, the district will utilize safe and effective practices to control structural, nuisance, and landscape pests.

Integrated pest management (IPM) is a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical, and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health and environmental risks. IPM emphasizes preventing and reducing pest problems by using active, non-chemical control practices, rather than responding to a pest crisis through the use of pesticides or herbicides. IPM programs take advantage of all pest management options, including, but not limited to, the judicious use of pesticides and herbicides.

To minimize risk from pest and pesticides, the district will implement an integrated pest management program. Integrated pest management practices will be used to prevent pest problems and in cases where a pest population reaches an unacceptable threshold that could adversely impact the school environment.

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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