



INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)

The Conestoga Valley School District utilized an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. The IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for pests by removing the food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. Pest sightings are reported to the IPM coordinator, who evaluates the “pest problem” and determines the appropriate pest management process to address the issue. 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 chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals, in the least toxic product possible, will only be used when necessary and will not be routinely applied. Applications will be made only when students and staff are not in the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas seventy-two (72) hours prior to application and for two days (2) following the application.

Emergency application may be authorized without seventy-two (72) hour advance notice, only if pests pose an immediate threat to health and safety (an example would be a hornet’s nest near the playground).

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the Conestoga Valley School District may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made within the District. To receive notification, interested persons must be placed on the District’s notification registry on an annual basis. Parents or guardians of students wishing to be placed on the registry should submit a request in writing prior to start of each school year including name, address, telephone number and email address to:

Director of Operations, Conestoga Valley School District, 160 Newport Road, Leola, PA 17540