

# BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Burbank Unified School District recognizes that maintenance of a safe, clean and healthful environment for students and staff is essential to learning. It is the goal of the District to provide the safest and lowest risk approach to control pest problems while protecting students, staff, the environment and District properties and assets.

The District adopts a Least Toxic Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy. Pest will be controlled: to protect the health and safety of the students and staff; to maintain a productive learning environment; and, to maintain the integrity of the school buildings and grounds. It is the policy of the District to focus and develop long term pest prevention methods and give non-chemical methods first consideration when selecting appropriate control measures. The full range of alternatives will be considered, giving preference to non-chemical methods, and then chemicals that pose the least hazard to people and the environment.

## **DEFINITION OF IPM**

The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 defines IPM as “a pest management strategy that focuses on long term prevention or suppression of pest problems through a combination of techniques such as monitoring for pest presence and establishing treatment threshold levels, using non chemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest development, improving sanitation, and employing mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property and the environment, are used only after careful monitoring indicates that they are needed.

### *Elements of the Least Hazardous IPM Policy*

- Identifying and monitoring pests to determine pest population levels and identify decisions and practices that could affect pest populations.
- Setting of action levels to determine when vegetation or a pest population at a specific site cause(s) unacceptable economic or medical damage wherein corrective action should be taken.
- Modifying and/or eliminating pest habitats to deter populations and minimize pest infestations.
- Considering use of a range of potential treatments for the pest problem, including physical, horticultural, and biological methods of pest control.
- Using chemical controls only as a last resort, and only those chemicals that pose the least possible hazard to people and the environment

## **TRAINING**

Training of personnel is critical to the success of an IPM program (see Appendix A). All District personnel and contractors, including facilities personnel, principals, teachers, parents, students and the public, have roles and responsibilities in carrying out this IPM program.

## **NOTIFICATION, RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING**

### *Annual notification*

The District shall annually provide to all staff, parents or guardians of pupils, enrolled at a school site, a written notification of all pesticide products to be used during the upcoming year. The notice shall identify the ingredients in each pesticide. The notice shall also contain the Internet address used to access information on pesticides.

### *Individual notification of pesticide application*

The annual written notification shall provide the opportunity for recipients to receive notification of individual pesticide application at the school facility. The designee shall notify persons who register for such notification of individual pesticide applications at least 72 hours prior to the application. The notice shall include the product name, the active ingredients and the intended date of application.

### *Posting pesticide applications*

The District designee shall post warning signs at each area to be treated. The sign shall include the term "Warning/Pesticide Treated Area," the product name, manufacturers name, the EPA product registration number, date of application, area of application and the target pest. These signs shall be posted 24 hours prior to the application and remain for 72 hours after the application.

### *Application records*

Each school site shall maintain records of pesticide use for a period of 4 years. This requirement can be met by retaining a copy of the posting sign for individual applications. These records shall be made available to the public upon request.

### *Emergency pesticide applications*

Pest control measures taken during an emergency, i.e., wherein the school district designee deems that the immediate use of a pesticide is necessary to protect the health and safety of pupils, staff or other persons, or the school site, shall not be subject to the notification requirements herein. However, the District designee shall make every effort to provide the required notification for an application of a pesticide under emergency conditions.

### *Exemptions from Notification, Recordkeeping and Reporting*

Some pesticide products are exempt from notification, recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Pesticide products used as a self contained bait or trap, gel or paste

deployed as a crack and crevice treatment, any pesticide exempted under FIFRA, or antimicrobial pesticides, including sanitizers and disinfectants, are exempt.

### **IPM COMMITTEE**

The District shall establish an IPM Committee to provide guidance, education and advice regarding IPM policy procedures and practices. The Committee will meet at least annually to review and make recommendations regarding all pest management practices. The Committee shall consist of Director of Maintenance and Operations, Grounds Supervisor, IPM Coordinator, School Nurse, PTA Representative, Senior Grounds Technician, Teacher and a District Administrator.