

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Salem, Connecticut

BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

PESTICIDE APPLICATION

No person other than a pesticide applicator with proper certification may apply pesticide within any school building or on the grounds of that school, unless 1) there is an emergency application to eliminate an immediate threat to human health, 2) it is impractical to obtain the services of any such applicator with proper certification, and 3) such emergency application does not involve a “restricted use” pesticide, as defined by state law.

The staff of each school, and the parents or guardians of each child enrolled in each school may register for prior notice of pesticide applications at the school. Before applying any pesticide within any building or on school grounds, the board of education shall provide for a mailing of notice to persons who registered for prior notice and such notice shall be received not later than 24 hours prior to application; notice may be given by any means practicable to the school staff who registered for such notice. The notice shall include 1) the name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied to the target pest; 2) the target pest; 3) the location of the application on the school property; 4) the date of the application; and 5) the name of the school administrator or designee who may be contacted for further information. Notice of any modification of the pesticide application policy shall also be sent to any person who registers for this notice. For the purpose of community awareness, when pesticides are applied signs/flags will be posted on any school grounds where the application took place.

No application of pesticide may be made to any school or on the grounds of any school during regular school hours or during planned activities at any school except that an emergency application may be made to eliminate an immediate threat to human health if (1) it is necessary to make the application during that period, and (2) such emergency application does not involve a restricted-use pesticide. No child may enter an area where an application has been made until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label. In the event of such an emergency application, those who have registered for prior notice will be notified on or before the date that the application is to take place.

No person shall apply a lawn care pesticide on the grounds of any school, except that an emergency application of a lawn care pesticide may be made to eliminate a threat to human health, as determined by the superintendent.

At the beginning of each school year, the staff at each school and the parents and guardians of each child enrolled in the school shall be provided with a written statement of the board’s policy on pesticide application on school property and a description of any pesticide application made at the school during the previous school year. Such statement shall indicate that the staff, parents or guardians may register for prior notice of pesticide applications at the school and shall describe the emergency notification procedures. Such statement will also be provided to the parents or guardian of any child who transfers to the school district during the school year. The

copies of the records of each pesticide application at a school shall be maintained at the school for a period of five years.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes:

§10-231a Pesticide application at schools- Definitions

§10-231b Pesticide application at schools- Authorized Applicators. Exception

§10-231c Pesticide applications at schools without an integrated pest management plan

§22a-47(cc) Definitions

§22a-46 Connecticut Pesticide Control Act.

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