

## PEST CONTROL/PESTICIDE USE POLICY

The school corporation is committed to providing students with a safe environment. It seeks to prevent children from being exposed to pests and pesticides. While pesticides protect children from pests that may be found in the school and its surrounding grounds, under some circumstances they may pose a hazard to children. Therefore, pest control practices may involve a variety of chemical and non-chemical methods that are designed to control pests effectively while minimizing potential pesticide exposure to children.

Pesticides will not be applied on school property during regular school hours or before or after a school program taking place on school property. A pesticide may be applied during such times only when to control an observed pest posing an immediate health threat to the students present or when applied in an area outside of but not immediately adjacent to buildings occupied by students. Students may not enter an area that has been sprayed with a pesticide until the specified re-entry time of the pesticide or four hours, whichever is longer.

The school corporation will annually inform parents and staff members of the corporation's pest control policy and provide the name and phone number of the person to contact for information regarding pest control.

The school corporation must do the following:

1. Establish a registry of staff members and parents who want to receive advance notice of all pesticide use.
2. Notify staff members and parents and guardians of enrolled students of the registry at the beginning of each school year and when a student enrolls or transfers to a school within the school corporation of the process to be added to the registry.
3. Provide at least 48-hour notice of planned pesticide applications to parents and employees who have requested advanced notice.
4. Provide notice of all pesticide applications to school nurses.

The corporation's notice must include:

1. The name or address of the school.
2. The licensed commercial applicator responsible for the application, including the applicator's name, license number, and telephone number.
3. The designee for information about the pesticide application if different than the applicator.
4. The anticipated date and time of the application.
5. The principal target pest.
6. A description of the application area.
7. Each pesticide to be applied, including the name of the manufacturer, the United States Environmental Protection Agency registration number, and the brand name.
8. If forty-eight (48) hours advance notice is not provided, an explanation of why it was not provided.

The Superintendent may prepare and disseminate regulations for the implementation of this policy.

Legal Reference: IC 15-16-5-64.5  
IC 15-16-5-64.7

Board Adopted: August 13, 2001  
Board Revised: September 11, 2024