

PESTICIDES AND PEST MANAGEMENT

The Board of Education is committed to maintaining the integrity of school buildings and grounds while protecting the health and safety of students and staff and maintaining a productive learning environment.

The Board recognizes that pests can pose a significant risk to health and property and there may be significant risks inherent in using chemical pesticides in the school environment. Generally, pesticides will not be used on district playgrounds, turf, athletic or playing fields, unless there is an emergency. Emergencies will be handled in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Provisions will be made for a least toxic approach to integrated pest management (IPM) for all school buildings and grounds in accordance with the Commissioner's regulations. Integrated pest management is a systematic approach to managing pests focusing on long term prevention or suppression with minimal impact on human health, the environment and nontargeted organisms.

Notification of Pesticide Application

All district staff and parents/guardians will be notified of pesticide applications performed at any school facility. A notice will be sent at the beginning of the school year which will include:

1. Notification of periodic pesticide applications throughout school year.
2. The availability of 48-hour prior written notification of pesticide applications to parents and staff who request such notice.
3. Instructions on how to register with the school to receive this prior written notification.
4. The name and number of the school representative who can provide further information.
5. The name of the product, including the EPA pesticide registration number.

The district contact person for Pesticide Notification is Glen DiNunzio. He can be reached at the 914-592-5685.

To register to receive this written notification 48 hours prior to pesticide applications, complete the following application and submit it to the Buildings and Grounds Department at 98 S. Goodwin Avenue, Elmsford, NY 10523 or e-mail it to gdinunzio@eufsd.org.

If an emergency pesticide application is necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, prior to the actual application, a good faith effort will be made to supply the written notification to those on this registry.

Please indicate below if you wish to be notified by Mail or E-Mail

Name _____ Notify me by mail.

Address _____ Notify me by E-Mail.

(include street, town, and zip code)

E-Mail Address _____

Building (s) you wish to be notified if receiving pesticide applications:

You may request being added to the registry at any point during the school year by completing this application and submitting it to the Buildings and Grounds Department. This application form will be the only means for registering for 48 Hour Written Pesticide Notification.

The Superintendent of Schools shall ensure the dissemination of this policy and conduct any training necessary to ensure that all staff is fully informed about pesticides and pest management.