

PEST AND PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT AND NOTIFICATION: 6895

It is the goal of the Federal Way Public Schools to control pests in our buildings and on our grounds with methods, means, and materials that result in satisfactory control of pests while maintaining our high standards for health and safety for students, staff, and the general public.

The Federal Way Public Schools will utilize an Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) for use in dealing with all pest problems encountered within the district.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a coordinated decision making and action process that uses the most appropriate pest control methods and strategy in an environmentally and economically sound manner to meet District programmatic pest management objectives. The elements of Integrated Pest Management will include:

- Preventing pest problems;
- Monitoring for the presence of pests and pest damage;
- Establishing the density of the pest population, that may be set at zero, that can be tolerated or correlated with a damage level sufficient to warrant treatment of the problem based upon health, public safety, economic or aesthetic thresholds;
- Treating pest problems to reduce populations below those levels established by damage thresholds using strategies that may include biological, cultural, mechanical, and chemical control methods and that must consider human health, ecological impact, feasibility and cost- effectiveness; and
- Evaluating the effects and efficiency of pest treatments.

Pest is defined as any insect, rodent, nematode, snail, weed, fungus or other form of plant or animal life that adversely interferes with the aesthetic, health, safety, environmental, or economic goals of the District. Pests shall not include viruses or micro-organisms on or in a living person or animal, but shall include plant diseases.

Pesticide is defined as a chemical agent registered as a pesticide by the Washington State Department of Agriculture, which can be a herbicide, insecticide, fungicide or other chemical that repels, changes the regular growth rate of, kills or otherwise reduces levels of a targeted pest or pests.

The Superintendent/designee shall develop procedures to assure the District complies with the requirements of the law regarding pesticide notification, posting and record keeping. This includes procedures for the annual notification of staff and parents of the District's pest control policies and methods; pre-notification of staff and parents of pesticide applications; posting of sites of pesticide applications; and record keeping, including an annual summary report of pesticide usage.

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Legal References:	RCW 17.21 RCW 17.21.415	Washington pesticide application act Schools-Policies and Methods- Notification-Records-Liability
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