

Integrated Pest Management Policy

In an effort to meet the growing concerns for our environment, the Cedar Hill Independent School District has initiated an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program pertaining to its use at all school facilities.

Pest Management Policy

The Cedar Hill ISD shall establish a pest management policy that will serve as a guidance document for all personnel involved in conduction pest management activities on school district property. The IPM program shall consist of a cycle of inspecting, identifying, monitoring, evaluating, and choosing the appropriate method of control. Routine inspection and accurate identification of pests are vital steps in IPM to ensure that control methods will be effective. Once the pest has been identified and the source of its activity pinpointed, habitat modifications – primarily exclusion, repair, and sanitation efforts – may greatly reduce the prevalence of the pest. Monitoring includes inspection areas for pest evidence, entry points, food, water, and harborage sites, and estimating pest population levels. The information gained through monitoring is evaluated to determine whether the action threshold has been exceeded and what can be done in the way of prevention.

Bid Specifications

1. New Construction Only – Bidder agrees to follow school district guidelines in the pre-treatment of a building site for termite infestation. The bidder agrees to notify the IPM Coordinator of the date and time of the pre-treatment in order for the IPM Coordinator or his designee to be present at the time of such treatment. The bidder agrees to use **only** one of the following products: Premise or Termidor for termite pre-treatment.
2. Bids shall be submitted only after a thorough, on-site inspection by each prospective bidder. The purpose of this on-site visit will be to get a general overview of the scope of the facilities and pest problems, and to enable the bidder to make a realistic estimate of minimum services required to service the facility.
3. An approximate minimum service time for each site (sites to be defined by the IPM Coordinator) shall be provided as part of each bid. Bidder shall understand that minimum service times will become part of the expectations of the contract, and any failure on the part of the

selected contractor to meet these minimum service times shall be grounds for cancellation of the contract by the school district.

4. Bidder agrees to follow school district guidelines for the use of the least-hazardous materials necessary to provide satisfactory pest control. Bidder agrees to follow the approved pesticide list criteria established by law through the Texas Structural Pest Control Board, including the filing of necessary request forms when use of yellow or red list pesticides is deemed necessary by the contractor.
5. Appropriate monitoring tools and procedures will be used on a regular basis by the contractor to locate pest infestations and assess the need for corrective treatment. Bidder should agree to work with the school district IPM Coordinator to develop action threshold, based on monitoring results, for important pests.
6. Bidder agrees to provide the school district with copies of Labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all products to be used on school district property. The school district reserves the right to approve or disapprove the use of any pesticide or device.
7. Bidder agrees to comply with all requirements of pesticide use record keeping and be responsible of appropriate Posting and the use of Emergency Waivers.

Classroom and Offices

Classroom, laboratories, administrative offices, auditoriums, gymnasiums, and hallways:

- Food and beverages allowed only in designated areas. Designated areas include:
kitchens, cafeterias, teacher's lounges, home economics
kitchens, special ed areas.

Exceptions to this rule are:

- Snacks provided during state mandated testing.
- Snacks provided for Pre-K through Fourth Grade students.
- Food items for instructional purposes.
- Snacks provided for approved campus parties, staff development purposes and student incentives.

- Teachers may eat lunch in their classroom. The area must be kept clean. If a pest problem occurs, this privilege may be revoked on a case by case basis.
- Teachers may have beverages in their classrooms. Empty containers must be removed daily.
- All snack items allowed under the exceptions clause must be stored in tightly sealed containers.

Classroom and Offices – Non-Food Related Issues

- No aquariums or pet cages allowed in classrooms, unless pre-approved as a science project for a finite period of time.
- No indoor plants are allowed in classrooms.
- Containers used for storage of recycled cans must be emptied daily to prevent infestation.
- Routinely clean lockers and desks.
- Frequently vacuum carpeted areas.
- Clean trash cans annually, use plastic liners in trashcans, and use secure lids.
- Keep areas clean and as dry as possible, and remove debris.

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Action Thresholds

Threshold levels developed for a home or restaurant may be inappropriate for a school. Likewise, thresholds developed for high-visibility/high- maintenance landscapes will differ from those for medium or low maintenance landscapes.

Research-determined thresholds are available for only a few pests, in part because humans, and managers, differ substantially in their tolerance of pest presence or damage. For this reason, setting a zero tolerance for any school facility is unattainable and not realistic for IPM.

Action Thresholds developed for Cedar hill ISD facilities are as followed

Ants- (Thief)

Classrooms, Clinic, Kitchen, Storage, &Public Areas	(6) Ants per room
Outside Grounds	(1) Ant Mound/ 250 sq. ft.

Ants- (Carpenter)

Classrooms, Clinic, Kitchen, Storage, Public Areas	(6) Ants per room
Outside Grounds	Colony within 25` of building

Ants- (Fire)

Classrooms, Clinic, Kitchen, Storage, Public Areas	(1) Ant per room
Outside Grounds	(1) mound

Bees-(Honey)

Classroom, Clinic, Kitchen, Storage, Public Areas	(1) In Class Room
Outside Grounds	Outside Hive or nest require removal Swarm or relocating hive to be addressed by IPM coordinator

Cockroaches-(German)

Classrooms, Clinic, Kitchen, Storage, Public Areas

(3) Per Room

House Flies

Classrooms, Clinic, Kitchen, Storage, & Public Areas

(3) Per Room

Outside Grounds

(10) Files around trash containers

Mice & Rats

Classrooms, Clinic, Kitchen, Storage, & Public Areas

(1) Sighting or Identified Droppings

Outside Grounds

(1) Sighting

Yellow Jackets, Hornets, Wasps

Classrooms, Clinic, Kitchen, Storage, & Public Area

(1) Per Room

Outside Grounds

If Activity Around Students Or Staff

Pest Threshold Policy for athletic fields

These are guidelines are set to ensure that a problem exist and meets the criteria set forth by the IPM coordinator and the pest control applicator. These guidelines are set to ensure a safe playing surface and to ensure the best quality of turf.

Athletic Fields

Athletic fields will be treated with a once a year application of pesticide to help prevent any unsafe playing surfaces and on as needed basses.

Ants-(Fire)

(1) Mound on any playing surface

Grubs

Treat once a year

Army worms

Treat once a year