2025-2026

HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT COMPLIANCE PACKET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT

Every Child Deserves a Healthy Schoolsite

WHAT IS THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT ?

When pesticides are used at schools and child care centers in California, the Healthy Schools Act defines requirements for school and child care center staff, pest management professionals, and the Department of Pesticide Regulation. The California Legislature originally passed the law in 2000. The Healthy Schools Act also encourages schools and child care centers—collectively referred to as schoolsites—to adopt effective, low-risk pest management practices, also known as integrated pest management or IPM.

WHAT IS IPM ?

Integrated pest management, or IPM, focuses on effective, low-risk pest management practices. IPM is a big picture approach to pest management that considers people and the environment when pest management decisions are made. There are a variety of IPM practices, including cleaning regularly, closing gaps into buildings, fixing leaky pipes, setting traps, and choosing low-risk pesticides. With the amount of IPM information available today and an enthusiastic IPM leader, all schoolsites can successfully manage pests!

WHAT IS A PESTICIDE ?

A pesticide is any substance intended to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate any pest. Pests include insects, rodents, weeds, and germs. Insecticides, rodenticides, herbicides, sanitizers, and disinfectants are all pesticides.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT REQUIREMENTS ?

IDENTIFY

Choose an IPM coordinator who will make sure the requirements of the HSA are met.

TRAIN

Provide annual Healthy Schools Act training to all teachers, staff, and volunteers who use any pesticides, including exempt pesticides.

NOTIFY

Send an annual notification to all parents, guardians, and staff of all pesticides expected to be applied during the year.

REGISTER

Give parents, guardians, and staff the opportunity to register to be notified 72 hours in advance of individual pesticide applications.

PLAN

Create a plan for IPM and publish it on the school, district, or child care center website. If a website does not exist, include the plan in the annual written notification.

POST

Post warning signs in the area where a pesticide will be applied, at least 24 hours before and 72 hours after the application.

RECORD

Keep records of pesticide applications, and file these records for at least 4 years.

REPORT

Submit annual pesticide use reports to DPR by January 30 for the previous year's applications. Only report pesticide use by school personnel.

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WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED PEST CONTROL BUSINESSES ?

TRAIN Complete Healthy Schools Act training during each license renewal period.

REPORT Submit annual pesticide use reports to DPR by January 30 for the previous year's applications.

When contracting with a licensed pest control business, the schoolsite IPM Coordinator should provide information about the Healthy Schools Act. The IPM Coordinator can also specify in the pest management contract what IPM practices will be used and how pesticide use information will be provided to the schoolsite.

WHAT PESTICIDES CANNOT BE USED AT SCHOOLS ?

The Healthy Schools Act prohibits certain pesticide products from being used at schools and child care centers. Check the Pesticides Prohibited from Use on California Schoolsites list on the School and Child Care IPM website to see the most current version.

WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION'S ROLE ?

The Department of Pesticide Regulation is the lead state agency providing Healthy Schools Act compliance assistance to schoolsites throughout California. By conducting a variety of outreach and training activities, the Department of Pesticide Regulation's School and Child Care IPM Team helps schoolsites implement IPM practices and shares IPM success stories statewide. The School and Child Care IPM Team is a resource for schoolsite staff, pest management professionals, parents, teachers, and the public who want more information about IPM and the Healthy Schools Act.

WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ROLE ?

The Healthy Schools Act requirements for schoolsites are in the California Education Code. The California Department of Education and the Department of Pesticide Regulation work together to interpret the law and provide accurate information to schoolsites throughout California. The California Department of Education also acts as an advisory resource for school districts, charter schools, and other local education agencies.

WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES'S ROLE ?

The Child Care Licensing Program of the Department of Social Services acts as a liaison between licensed child care facilities and the Department of Pesticide Regulation. With over 40,000 licensed child care facilities in California, the Department of Pesticide Regulation relies on the Child Care Licensing Program to share Healthy Schools Act information through newsletters, conferences, and other networks. The Child Care Licensing Program also includes Healthy Schools Act and IPM information in the training orientation required for new licenses.

HOW CAN YOU GET MORE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT INFORMATION ?

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Healthy Schools Act Requirements for Public K-12 Schools and Child Care Centers

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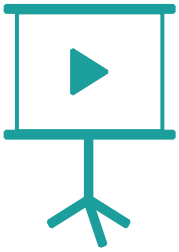

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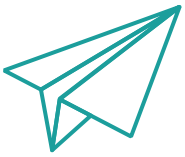

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School District Integrated Pest Management Plan

When completed, this template meets the Healthy Schools Act requirement for an integrated pest management (IPM) plan.
An IPM plan is required if a school district uses pesticides[1]

Contacts

Arvin Union School District	737 Bear Mountain Blvd	
School District Name	Address	
Angel Sandoval	661-854-6500	asandoval@arvin-do.com
District IPM Coordinator	IPM Coordinator's Phone Number	Email Address

IPM statement

It is the goal of Arvin Union School District to implement IPM by focusing on long-term prevention or suppression of pests through accurate pest identification, by frequent monitoring for pest presence, by applying appropriate action levels, and by making the habitat less conducive to pests using sanitation and mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that are effective will be used in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment, and only after other options have been shown ineffective.

Our pest management objectives are to: *(Example: Focus on long-term pest prevention)*

1. Focus on long-term prevention, or suppression of pests through accurate pest identification and frequent monitoring.
2. Applying appropriate action levels.
3. Making habitats less conducive to pests using sanitation, mechanical and physical controls.
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IPM team

In addition to the IPM Coordinator, other individuals who are involved in purchasing, making IPM decisions, applying pesticides, and complying with the Healthy Schools Act requirements, include:

Name and/or Title	Role in IPM program
Angel Sandoval	District IPM Coordinator
Michael Martinez	Inspects, monitors, and applies action level at sites as district employees.
Carlos Reyes	
Erick Gracia	
Daniel Clark, Synergy Pest Services Technician	Inspects, monitors and applies action levels at sites as contracted pest control services.

Pest management contracting

☑ Pest management services are contracted to a licensed pest control business.
Pest Control Business name(s): Daniel Clark, Synergy Pest Services

☑ Prior to entering into a contract, the school district has confirmed that the pest control business understands the training requirement and other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act.

Pest identification, monitoring and inspection

Pest Identification is done by: Synergy Pest Services
(Example: College/University staff, Pest Control Business, etc.)

Monitoring and inspecting for pests and conditions that lead to pest problems are done regularly by District Maintenance Staff & Synergy Pest Services Technicians and results are communicated to the IPM Coordinator.
(Example: District staff title, e.g. Maintenance staff)

Specific information about monitoring and inspecting for pests, such as locations, times, or techniques include:
(Example: Sticky monitoring boards are placed in the kitchen and are checked weekly by custodial staff.)

1. Placing adhesive monitoring boards throughout all campuses.
2. Conducting frequent visual inspections of facilities for signs of pests.

Pests and non-chemical management practices

This school district has identified the following pests and routinely uses the following non-chemical practices to prevent pests from reaching the action level:

Pest	Remove food	Fix leaks	Seal cracks	Install barriers	Physical removal	Traps	Manage irrigation	Other
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If non-chemical methods are ineffective, the school district will consider pesticides only after careful monitoring indicates that they are needed according to pre-established action levels and will use pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property and the environment.

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Healthy Schools Act

☑ This school district complies with the notification, posting, recordkeeping, and all other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act. (Education Code Sections 17608 - 17613, 48980.3; Food & Agricultural Code Sections 13180 - 13188)

Training

Every year school district employees who make pesticide applications receive the following training prior to pesticide use:

☑ Pesticide specific safety training (Title 3 California Code of Regulations 6724)

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Submittal of pesticide use reports

☐ Reports of all pesticides applied by school district staff during the calendar year, except pesticides exempt[1] from HSA recordkeeping, are submitted to the Department of Pesticide Regulation at least annually, by January 30 of the following year, using the form provided at www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm. (Education Code Section 16711)

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Annual Notification Form

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Healthy Schools Act requires all California school districts to notify parents and guardians of pesticides they expect to apply during the year. We expect to use the following pesticides in your school this year:

Name of Pesticide (Common Name)	Active Ingredient(s)
Ranger Pro	
Speed Zone Southern	
Pendulum	

You can find more information regarding these pesticides and pesticide use reduction at the Department of Pesticide Regulation's Web site at www.cdpr.ca.gov.

You may view a copy of the district's integrated pest management plan in the schoolsite office. It is located online at:

If you have any questions, please contact:

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 requires that all schools provide parents or guardians of students with annual written notification of expected pesticide use on school sites. The notification will identify the active ingredient or ingredients in each pesticide product and will include the Internet address (http://www.cdpr.ca.gov) for further information on pesticides and their alternatives.

Parents or guardians may request prior notification of individual pesticide applications at the school site. People listed on this registry will be notified at least 72 hours before pesticides are applied. If you would like to be notified every time we apply a pesticide, please complete and return the form below and mail it to:

If you have any questions, please contact

Sincerely,

Request for Individual Pesticide Application Notification

I understand that, upon request, the school district is required to supply information about individual pesticide applications at least 72 hours before application. I would like to be notified before each pesticide application at this school.

I would prefer to be contacted by (check one): U.S. Mail ☐ E-mail ☐ Phone ☐

Please print neatly:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone:( ) _____ Evening Phone:( ) _____

E-mail: _____

Return to:

WARNING:

PESTICIDE TREATED AREA

Name of Pesticide:

_____

Name of Manufacturer:

_____

US EPA Registration No.:

_____

Intended Application Date_____ Treated Areas

Actual Application Date_____ Reason for Treatment

For more information about this pesticide application contact:

Name Title

For recordkeeping purposes per the Healthy Schools Act: Amount of Pesticide Used_____

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DPR-HSA-118 (REV. 12/16)

PESTICIDE USE REPORTING FOR SCHOOL AND CHILD DAY CARE CENTER EMPLOYEES

DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION
PEST MANAGEMENT & LICENSING BRANCH

APPLICATION YEAR	SCHOOL DESIGNEE (IPM COORDINATOR)	DISTRICT / CENTER NAME	LICENSE / CERTIFICATE NUMBER (OPTIONAL)	
REPORT PREPARED BY:		E-MAIL ADDRESS	CITY	PHONE NUMBER

School CDS #/Child Day Care Facility # OR Name & Address AND Specify if School or Child Day Care Facility	County Code	Date & Time Application Completed	Location (# from list on back)	Manufacturer & Name of Product Applied	EPA REG. Number on Label or CA Reg. Number for adjuvants (include alpha code, if listed)	Amount of Pesticide Product Used (check or write in unit from label)	Pest Control Code (from list on back)
☐ School ☐ Day Care						(vol.) ☐ OZ ☐ ML ☐ PT (wt.) ☐ GR ☐ OZ ☐ LB	
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Use this form ONLY to report pesticide applications made by schoolsite employees, staff, and volunteers at schools and child care centers. DO NOT report pesticide use by pest management professionals contracted to apply pesticides at schoolsites. They will report their own use. Report must be submitted no later than January 30th of the year following the year of use to:
School Pesticide Use Reporting, Department of Pesticide Regulation, P.O. Box 4015, Sacramento, CA 95812-4015

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Each line is an individual pesticide application. Report only one schoolsite, date/time, and pesticide per line. Multiple pages will be needed if you need to report more than 5 pesticide applications.

2. A name and address is required for each schoolsite. A cover sheet with all schoolsite names/addresses can be included with your report to prevent repetitive writing/typing.

3. Applicators: If you are mixing a concentrate with a liquid, report the amount of concentrate applied. For products that don't require dilution, report the amount of finished product applied.

PEST CONTROL CODES:

Code 10 - Structural Pest Control ..... includes pest control work performed within or on buildings or other structures

Code 30 - Landscape Maintenance Pest Control... includes pest control work performed on landscape plantings around buildings

Code 80 - Vertebrate Pest Control ..... includes pest control work performed by public agencies or work under the supervision of the State or county agricultural commissioner

LOCATION CODES:

1	Administration Bldg	5	Cafeteria/Kitchen	9	Landscape (indoor)	13	Multipurpose Room	17	Vehicle
2	Athletic Field	6	Classroom	10	Landscape (outdoor)	14	Playground	18	Multiple Locations
3	Auditorium	7	Gymnasium	11	Library	15	Pool	19	Other (Please indicate)
4	Bldg, Exterior	8	Hardscape (parking lot, sidewalk, etc.)	12	Locker Room	16	Restroom		_____

Reason for application is not required for reporting. This form, when filled out completely, can be used as the pesticide use record required under HSA.
Reasons for application (required for Healthy Schools Act recordkeeping).

Application 1:	Weed control
Application 2:	Weed control
Application 3:	Weed control
Application 4:	
Application 5:	

2025 ARVIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT PESTICIDE LIST

1) EVERGREEN (PYRETHRUM COONCENTRATE) Exterior & Interior
Active Ingredient: Pyrethrins, * a botanical insecticide
EPA REG# 1021-2560
Manufacturer: MGK

2) PT 565 PLUS XLO: Exterior & Interior
Active Ingredient: Pyrethrins
EPA REG# 499-290
Manufacturer: BASF

3) ADVION ANT GEL BAIT: Exterior & Interior
Active Ingredient: Indoxacarb
EPA REG# 100-1498
Manufacturer: Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC

4) SUSPEND POLYZONE: Exterior & Interior
Active Ingredient: Deltamethrin
EPA REG# 432-1514
Manufacturer: Bayer

5) ULD BP 100 Contact Insecticide II: Interior
Active Ingredient: Pyrethrins, * a botanical Insecticide
Piperonyl Butoxide
EPA REG# 1021-2838
Manufacturer: MGK

6) VENDETTA COCKROACH GEL BAIT: Interior
Active Ingredient: Abamectin B1
EPA REG# 1021-1828
Manufacturer: MGK

7) NIBAN GRANULAR BAIT: Exterior
Active Ingredient: Orthoboric Acid
EPA Reg. # 64405-2
Manufacturer: Nisus Corporation

8) PT WASP FREEZE II: Exterior
Active Ingredient: Prallethrin [(RS)-2-Methyl-4-oxo-3-(2-propynyl) cyclopent-2-enyl-(1RS)-cis, trans-chrysanthemate]
EPA REG #499-550
Manufacturer: BASF

9) TALSTAR P PROFESSIONAL INSECTICIDE: Exterior & Interior
Active Ingredient: Bifenthrin
EPA REG # 279-3206
Manufacturer: FMC

10.Essentria IC Pro: Exterior
Active Ingredient:
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate.....11.0%
Geraniol.....10.0%
Clove Oil.....3.0%
Cornmint Oil.....1.5%
EPA: This product qualified for exemption from EPA registration under Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).
Manufacturer: ZOEN