Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice
For School Year 2026 - 2027

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. **Mahwah High School** has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for **Mahwah High School** is:
Name of IPM Coordinator: **Gregory Romero**
Business Phone number: **201-762-2402**
Business Address: **60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430**

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan **Mahwah High School** may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

The following items must be included with this annual notice:

- **A copy of the school or school district's IPM policy** (other side, and also available online at: http://www.mahwah.k12.nj.us/hs)

- A meeting on IPM policy will be held **at an H.S.A./ H.S.O meeting which will be announced in advance.**

- **A list of pesticides that are in use or that have been used in the past 12 months on school property:**
    - Marksman Wasp & Hornet Killer:
      Manufactured by Ball for W.W. Grainger, Inc., Lake Forest, IL 60045
      EPA Reg. No. 11694-109-10637
    - First Strike Soft Bait (difethialone)
      Manufactured by Liphatech, Inc, Milwaukee, WI 53209
      EPA Reg. No. 7173-258

- Disinfecting/Cleaning Products https://www.mahwah.k12.nj.us/Page/1648

POLICY MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION: Property School Integrated Pest Management Plan 7422M

The New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002 requires school districts to implement a school integrated pest management policy that includes an Integrated Pest Management Plan. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Board shall ensure implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests and minimize exposure of children, faculty, and staff to pesticides. These procedures shall be applicable to all school property in the Mahwah School District.

IPM Coordinator (IPMC)

The Supervisor of Building and Grounds, Greg Romero, 201-762-2402, shall be designated as the district's Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPMC) and is responsible for the implementation of the school integrated pest management policy.

Integrated Pest Management Procedures in Schools

Implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological, or chemical methods. Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

The Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPMC) shall consider the full range of management options, including no action at all. Non-pesticide pest management methods are to be used whenever possible. The choice of using a pesticide shall be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not effective or not reasonable. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, low impact pesticides and methods are preferred and shall be considered for use first.

Development of IPM Plans

The Superintendent, in collaboration with the school Building Principal(s) and the IPMC, shall be responsible for the development of the IPM Plan for the school district. The school district's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan is a blueprint of how the school district will manage pests through IPM methods. The school district's IPM Plan will state the school district's goals regarding the management of pests and the use of pesticides for all school district property. The Plan will reflect the school district's site-specific needs and a description of how each component of the school district's Integrated Pest Management Policy and Regulation will be implemented for all school property.

Education/Training

The school community will be educated about potential pest problems and IPM methods used to achieve the pest management objective. The IPMC, other school staff, and pesticide applicators involved with implementation of the district's IPM policy will be trained in appropriate components of IPM as it pertains to the school environment. Students and parents/legal guardians will be provided information on this policy and instructed on how they can contribute to the success of the IPM program.

Recordkeeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the State regulatory agency and the Board. Records shall also include, but are not limited to, pest surveillance data sheets and other non pesticide pest management methods and practices utilized.

Notification/Posting

The Building Principal of each school, working with the IPMC, is responsible for timely notification to students, parents or legal guardians and the school staff of pesticide treatments pursuant to the School Integrated Pest Management Act.

Re-entry

Re-entry to a pesticide treated area shall conform to the requirements of the School Integrated Pest Management Act.

Pesticide Applicators

The IPMC shall ensure that applicators follow State regulations, including licensing requirements and label precautions, and must comply with all components of the School Integrated Pest Management Policy.

Evaluation

The Superintendent will report annually to the Board on the effectiveness of the IPM Plan and make recommendations for improvement as needed.

The school district's Integrated Pest Management Plan, Policy and Regulation shall be implemented not later than June 12, 2004.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop Regulations/Procedures for the implementation of School Integrated Pest Management Plan. N.J.S.A.13:1F-19through 13:1F-33 Adopted: Feb 2018

Pre-Notification of the Use of Pesticides

(This notice should be received at least 72 hours prior to pesticide use)

Date:_____

To: Parents and guardians of students, and staff of **Mahwah High School.**

From: IPM Coordinator Greg Romero**,** Phone Number 201**-762-2402**

Subject: Notification of the Use of Non Low Impact Pesticides

This notice is to advise you that the following pesticide(s) will be used at [insert name of school]:

Pesticide Common Name		
Pesticide Trade Name		
EPA Registration Number		

Location of the pesticide application:_____

Reason for the pesticide application:_____

If an <u>indoor</u> application, the date and time it is planned:

DATE_____ TIME_____

If an outdoor application, 3 dates must be listed, in chronological order, on which the outdoor application may take place if the preceding date is canceled.

DATE_____ DATE_____ DATE_____

Description of the possible adverse effects of the pesticide as per the Material Safety Data Sheets for the pesticides to be used, if available:

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Pesticide product label instructions and precautions related to Public Safety.

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Note: By law, we must advise you that: *The Office of Pesticide Programs of the United States Environmental Protection Agency has stated: "Where possible, persons who potentially are sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants, and children, should avoid any unnecessary pesticide exposure."*

EMERGENCY PESTICIDE USE

To: Parents or guardians of students and staff of **Mahwah High School**

From: IPM Coordinator, Greg Romero **Phone Number: 201-762-2402**

Subject: Emergency Pesticide Use Notification

This notice is to advise you that the following non low impact pesticide(s) were used at **Mahwah High School**:

Pesticide common name		
Pesticide trade name		
EPA registration number		

Location of the pesticide application:_____

The date and time the indoor or outdoor application took place:

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Reason for the pesticide application:

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Description of the problem and the factors that qualified the problem as an emergency that threatened the health or safety of a student or staff member:

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If applicable, description of steps to be taken to avoid emergency use of pesticides for this problem in the future:

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Description of the possible adverse effects of the pesticide(s) as per the Material Safety Data Sheets for the pesticide(s) to be used, if available:

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Pesticide product label instructions and precautions related to Public Safety:

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Note: As required by law, we must advise you: *"The Office of Pesticide Programs of the United States Environmental Protection Agency has stated: "Where possible, persons who potentially are sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants, and children, should avoid any unnecessary pesticide exposure.*