

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: INTEGRATED PEST
MANAGEMENT

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716. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	
Purpose	The school district shall utilize integrated pest management procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.
Definitions	<p>Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the managed use of combined pest control alternatives, including cultural, mechanical, biological and chemical, to most effectively prevent or reduce to acceptable levels damage caused by pests. [1]</p> <p>Integrated Pest Management Plan is a plan that establishes a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health and environmental risks. [2]</p>
Authority	<p>The Board establishes that the school district shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs. [3][4]</p> <p>The Board shall adopt an Integrated Pest Management Plan for district buildings and grounds that complies with policies and regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture. [2][4]</p>
Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to implement integrated pest management procedures and to coordinate communications between the district and the approved contractor.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to annually notify parents/guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds. [5]</p> <p>Appropriate personnel involved in making decisions relative to pest management shall participate in periodic training, as needed.</p>

<p>Guidelines</p>	<p>Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and site appropriate pesticides.</p> <p>When pesticide applications are scheduled for school buildings and on school grounds, the district shall provide notification at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance, in accordance with law, including: [5]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Posting a pest control sign in an appropriate area, at the place to be treated. The sign shall remain in place for at least two (2) days following each planned treatment. 2. Providing the pest control information sheet to all individuals working in the affected school building. 3. Providing required notice to all parents/guardians of students or to a list of parents/guardians who have requested notification of individual applications of pesticides. <p>Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the district may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any parent and guardian who has requested such notification. [5]</p> <p>The district shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the Business Office. [5]</p> <p>Legal Cites: 1. 7 PA Code 128.2 2. 24 P.S. 772.1 3. 3 P.S. 111.21 et seq 4. 7 PA Code 128.1 et seq 5. 24 P.S. 772.2 7 U.S.C. 136 et seq</p>
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