

PESTICIDES AND PEST MANAGEMENT

It is the goal of the Board of Education to maintain the integrity of school buildings and grounds, protect the health and safety of students and staff and maintain a productive learning environment. The Board's first method of long-term pest prevention is to ensure the consistent cleanliness of the buildings.

The Board recognizes that structural and landscape pests can pose a significant problem to people and property. Weeds and infestations can destroy playing fields and playgrounds, and more importantly cause severe allergic reactions. Pesticides can pose risks to people, property, and the environment. Provisions will be made for a least toxic integrated pest management (IPM) for all school buildings and grounds in accordance with the Commissioner's regulations. Integrated pest management is a systematic approach to managing pests focusing on long term prevention or suppression with minimal impact on human health, the environment, and non-targeted organisms.

Notification of Pesticide Application

All District staff and parents/guardians will be notified of pesticide applications performed at any school facility. A notice will be sent at the beginning of the school year which will include:

- 1) Notification of periodic pesticide applications throughout school year;
- 2) The availability of 48-hour prior written notification of pesticide applications to parents and staff who request such notice;
- 3) Instructions on how to register with the school to receive this prior written notification;
- 4) The name and number of the school representative who can provide further information.

Recording Keeping

Records of pesticide use will be maintained for two (2) years. Records will be completed on the day of pesticide use.

Cross-ref: 8110, School Building Safety
8220, Building and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection

Ref: Environmental Conservation Law, Art.33 (Pesticides); Education Law §409-h, 409-k
6 NYCRR Part 325 (Application of Pesticides); 8 NYCRR 155.4 (Uniform Code of Public School Building Inspections, Safety Rating and Monitoring)

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