

Business and Operations

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

SP 3513.00

The Mendocino County Office of Education recognizes that maintenance of a safe, clean and healthful environment for students and staff is essential to learning. It is the goal of the County Superintendent to provide the safest and lowest risk approach to control pest problems while protecting students, staff, the environment and County Office properties and assets.

The County Office adopts a Least-Toxic Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy. Pests will be controlled:

- to protect the health and safety of the students and staff;
- to maintain a productive learning environment; and,
- to maintain the integrity of the school buildings and grounds.

It is the policy of the County Office to focus and develop long-term pest prevention methods and give "non-chemical" methods first consideration when selecting appropriate control measures. The full range of alternatives will be considered, giving preference to non-chemical methods, and then chemicals that pose the least hazard to people and the environment.

An IPM Policy contains the following elements:

1. monitoring to determine pest population levels and identify decisions and practices that could effect pest populations;
2. setting of injury and action levels to determine when vegetation or a pest population at a specific site cause(s) unacceptable economic or medical damage wherein corrective action should be taken;
3. modification of pest habitats to deter pest populations and minimize pest infestation;
4. consideration of a range of potential treatments for the pest problem, including prevention, mechanical, cultural, and biological methods of pest control, using synthetic chemical controls that pose the least possible hazard to people and the environment;
5. establish a committee to provide guidance, education and support regarding IPM procedures. Members of the County Office Safety Committee are hereby appointed to the IPM Committee along with individuals appointed by the County Superintendent and may include the following: County Superintendent or designee, Board Member, IPM Coordinator, parent, certificated staff member, classified staff member and one community member at large; and
6. abstain from using:
 - a. any pesticide product containing an ingredient known to the State of California to cause cancer, developmental toxicity, or reproductive toxicity, pursuant to the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (according to the most recent list, which may be viewed at <http://www.oehha.org/>), or

- b. any pesticide product containing an ingredient classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a known human carcinogen, reproductive toxin or developmental toxin, or
- c. any pesticide product with conditional registration, interim registration or an experimental use permit issued by the Department of Pesticide Regulation or any others defined by Education Code 17610.1.

The County Superintendent has designated the Director of Maintenance and Operations as the staff person to coordinate the IPM program. The IPM coordinator shall be educated in the principles and practice of least toxic IPM and be responsible to provide:

- oversight for the successful implementation of the program consistent with this policy and coordinate all County Office efforts to adopt IPM;
- overall program management and provide proposed procedures and products for use in managing pest populations;
- formal notification to parents, staff and students of any chemical pesticide application including pre-and-post signage;
- establish and maintain a registry of parents, staff and students that have indicated they desire notification 72 hours prior to pesticide applications;
- record-keeping guidelines for any chemical pesticide application;
- education and training for IPM personnel; and
- a list of approved procedures and products.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

17608-17613, Healthy Schools Act of 2000

48980.3, Notification of Parent or Guardian

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

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