

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Recognizing the potential impact of both chemicals and pests on health and the environment, the Board of Education of the Nixa Public Schools requires that all district property and facilities utilize a system of integrated pest management (IPM) for controlling insects, rodents, weeds and other pests. Integrated pest management is the use of a variety of methods for effective pest control while minimizing or eliminating chemical pesticide use.

The superintendent or designee will work with representatives of school food service, facilities management, maintenance services, building administrators and a school nurse to develop an integrated pest management plan and procedures for implementation of this policy with the ultimate goal of minimizing or eliminating the use of chemical pesticides.

Application of Pesticides and Notice of Treatment

Pesticides will not be used on a routine or regularly scheduled basis in the district. However, the district may apply chemical pesticides when reasonable nonchemical approaches do not provide adequate control or in situations where pests pose an immediate threat to persons or property. In those situations, the superintendent or designee will select products that pose the least risk to people and the environment and will only authorize the use of pesticides when and where pests are present or expected to be present.

Only certified pesticide applicators, licensed under Missouri law and trained in integrated pest management, will apply pesticides on district properties. No individual may disperse any type of pest control device without authority from the superintendent or designee.

Unless an emergency exists, chemical pesticides will only be applied at a time when buildings are unoccupied, other than the individuals conducting the treatment. Notice of chemical treatment must be posted in buildings where the treatment is scheduled.

Exclusions

For the purposes of this policy, chemical pesticides do not include the application of antimicrobial pesticides, disinfectants, sanitizing agents, water purifiers, swimming pool chemicals or self-applied personal insect repellants. Insecticide or rodenticide baits in premanufactured, tamper-resistant containers and insecticide baits in gel or paste form are also not considered pesticides as long as they are placed in areas inaccessible to children and the containers are clearly labeled.

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Complaint Resolution

Complaints and concerns about the district's pest management program should be directed to the superintendent.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Legal Refs: Missouri Pesticide Use Act, §§ 281.040 - .115, RSMo.
2 C.S.R. 70-25.010 - .120
29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200

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