

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The School District of Amery is committed to providing students a safe environment and seeks to prevent children from being exposed to pests and pesticides. While pesticides protect children from pests that may be found in the school and its surrounding grounds, under some circumstances they may pose a hazard to children. Therefore, pest control practices may involve a variety of chemical and non-chemical methods that are designed to control pests effectively while minimizing potential chemical exposure to children.

An Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for controlling insects, rodents and weeds shall be used in the District. The Board-appointed Buildings and Grounds Committee will have the authority to oversee the IPM plan and procedures. The District's IPM approach will focus on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. The District will accomplish this through routine monitoring, cleaning and maintenance.

School buildings and grounds will be monitored regularly to detect any pests that are present. Pest sightings will be reported to the District's IPM Coordinator who will evaluate the "pest problem" and determine the appropriate pest management techniques to use to address the problem. These techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

Chemicals shall only be used when necessary to eliminate a pest problem. Chemical application in a school or on school grounds shall only be done by licensed, insured contractors who are certified in the applicable chemical use categories and shall be posted in accordance with state law requirements. The District will also provide notice of specific chemical use to any school staff member, student or parent who requests this notification. Persons may request this notification at any time during the school year by contacting the Buildings and Maintenance Supervisor and providing their name, address, day phone number and e-mail address if available. The District will provide anyone on the District's chemical notification list with notice of the application of chemicals used to control insects, rodents or weeds made between the time they have joined the list and the end of the school year. This notice shall be provided either in writing or by phone at least 24 hours prior to the application, if possible. Notice of pesticide applications made to control emergency pest problems will be provided as soon as possible after the application, and will also be posted on the District's website. The notice will include the following information:

- The name, position and title of the person who will make the chemical application
- Name of the chemical to be used
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Registration number
- Purpose for making the chemical application
- Area to be treated
- Date and approximate time of the scheduled application

The district will perform regular monitoring to determine if and when intervention is necessary and may employ physical, biological, and educational tactics as primary controls to prevent intolerable damage or annoyance from pests. When the use of chemicals is deemed necessary, the district will use the minimum effective amount of the least toxic chemicals, used in the manner with the least potential for human exposure. Applications will be timed to minimize exposure to students and staff and to minimize the chemical's effect on the environment.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wis. Stats. 94.715 (*Wisconsin School Pesticide Use Law*)

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