



## 730.1 PEST MANAGEMENT FOR HEALTHY SCHOOLS

The Whitnall School District is committed to providing a healthy school environment for students, staff and others involved with the District. If and when the District finds itself confronted by harmful pests that affect the school environment, the District has an obligation to handle the concern expeditiously and safely. Pests are populations of living organisms (animals, plants, and microorganisms) that present circumstances where they may be injurious to persons, property or the environment.

The Building and Grounds Supervisor shall have the overall responsibility for pest management in the District and for implementing School Board policy and procedures. A plan for **Integrated Pest Management** to coordinate the use of physical, biological and cultural controls and least toxic pest control products and techniques will be put into place in the District. The District will establish an **IPM Committee** (Integrated Pest Management Committee) to oversee the implementation of this policy, procedure and planning document.

The IPM Plan will address the following procedures to:

- » Eliminate or reduce environmental conditions that attract pest populations
- » Outline responsibilities for monitoring, identifying and reporting pest problems
- » Outline guidelines for pest control
- » Determine pesticide requirements for use, storage and disposal

The IPM Plan will keep in mind the following:

- » Allergic reactions to insect stings or animal allergens
- » Personal injuries caused by overgrown or unmanaged weeds or pest problems (mounds, rodent holes)
- » Contamination of food products by insects and rodents
- » Health and environmental risks associated with the use of pesticides and other chemicals used
- » Damage to school building structures, grounds or property caused by insects, rodents or other pests
- » Communicable disease transmission from pests to humans (i.e. rabies, lyme disease, hantavirus)
- » Reasonable accommodations for students/staff with disabilities (severe allergies that affect life functions)

The District will comply with all applicable health and safety codes, orders and regulations. These include, but are not limited to, the state pesticide use law and regulations, the employee's right to know about toxic substances, infectious agents and pesticides law, and state hazardous waste management regulations.

The Building and Grounds Supervisor will select a qualified PCO (pest control operator) to manage the policy, procedures and plan. The PCO will hold the appropriate licenses and certifications required by the state. The PCO must be a certified pesticide applicator.

The application of chemicals will be done in accordance with the label instructions and state and federal agency regulations. Accurate records for chemical use and maintenance work will be kept in the District by the Building and Grounds Supervisor or designee. These District records are subject to access, inspection

and reproduction in accordance with provisions of the state's public records law. Storage and disposal of any pesticides or other materials and equipment will follow state pesticide regulations.

The District requires students, their parents/guardians and staff to inform the applicable schools about any special health conditions that may be affected by pest or pest control products. This information should be reported on the emergency medical information cards provided to each school.

LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes Sections

94.67-94.715

101.58-101.599

252.21

Chapter ATCP 29 WI Administrative Code

Americans with Disabilities Act

CROSS REF.:

WI School Integrated Pest Management Manual

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