



## 730.1R PEST MANAGEMENT FOR HEALTHY SCHOOLS: PROCEDURES

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. The District will establish an IPM Committee (Integrated Pest Management Committee) to oversee the implementation of this policy and procedure document. The District through this committee will develop and regularly update an Integrated Pest Management Plan in order to assure acceptable guidelines are implemented for the controlled application and use of pesticides, chemicals and other specific agents.

### Integrated Pest Management Plan

IPM Committee (Integrated Pest Management Committee) standing committee will consist of the Associate Superintendent of Business Services, the Building and Grounds Supervisors and the Building Principals. The Superintendent will be kept informed and will attend committee meetings as necessary. Other employees and/or School Board Members may be added to the group as needed for decision making.

### Structural IPM Guidelines

Structural pests that commonly inhabit or invade school buildings include cockroaches, ants, rodents and stinging insects. Specific IPM monitoring and control products and techniques have been developed for each type of pest.

### Monitoring

Understanding what kind of pests are present, where they are, and how big their populations are is essential for successfully eliminating problems. Treatments will not be applied unless monitoring indicates a pest problem in excess of specified injury levels.

### Injury Levels

Injury levels, also known as tolerance or threshold levels, determines the point at which treatment is necessary. Appropriate levels will be set taking into account health risks, economic loss, aesthetic evaluations, nuisance problems and pest visibility.

### Habitat Modification

In every structural environment the food, water, harborage and entry points that attract and sustain pest populations will be eliminated. Proper sanitation, which will involve a coordinated effort by appropriate staff, is essential for success. Assessment of the following areas will be done routinely to determine habitat modification: entryways; classrooms and offices; food preparation and serving areas; plumbing and maintenance areas; waste disposal; and recycling areas. Each building will make every effort to minimize pets and plants from being a regular in the classroom environment as they both can cause allergic reaction

as well as be hosts for pest populations. In addition, old furniture that is donated or brought in by the teacher, particularly cloth furniture is unacceptable to have as it is a host for pests.

### Least Toxic Controls

Controls will be instituted only when a pest has exceeded designated injury levels determined through monitoring. Biological and physical controls will be used when possible. The least toxic chemical will be used if the first two avenues will not solve the problem. Only chemical controls least toxic to humans and the environment will be acceptable.

### Identification of pesticides, toxic chemicals, and hazardous substances

Each year a complete inventory of hazardous substances shall be conducted under the direction of the Building and Grounds Supervisor. All substances identified as being hazardous shall be properly labeled. One set of material safety data sheets (MSDS) on all chemicals used by the District shall be maintained by the Building and Grounds Supervisor or designee.

### Use of Hazardous Substances

A concerted effort shall be made to minimize use of hazardous substances. Regular monitoring shall be done to assure hazardous substances are not being used in excess of needs. Proper notification and postings as required by law will be done emergency pesticide use will only occur if a pest problem is deemed an emergency by the IPM.

### Employee Training

Employee training will be conducted on an as needed basis per School Board policy, and state and federal regulations. All policy and procedures shall be reviewed regularly to assure appropriate guidelines are up-to-date for training needs.

### Disposal of Hazardous Substances

A yearly inventory shall be conducted to determine what is waste or unusable. Waste shall be properly labeled, collected and stored until the time of disposal. Disposal shall be accomplished by following all environmental protection regulations and state guidelines for hazardous waste disposal.

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