

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: INTEGRATED PEST
MANAGEMENT

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716. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	
1. Purpose	The school district shall utilize integrated pest management procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.
2. Definitions	Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information to design and implement pest control methods that are economically, environmentally and socially sound. IPM promotes prevention over remediation, and it advocates the integration of at least two (2) or more strategies to achieve long-term solutions.
SC 772.1	An Integrated Pest Management Plan is a plan that establishes a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health, and environmental risks.
3. Authority 3 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 111.21- 111.61 7 Pa. Code Sec. 128 et seq	The Board establishes that the school district shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs.
SC 772.1	The Board shall adopt an Integrated Pest Management Plan for district buildings and grounds that complies with policies and regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent shall designate an employee to serve as IPM coordinator for the district, who shall implement integrated pest management procedures and coordinate communications between the district and the approved contractor.
SC 772.1	The IPM coordinator shall be responsible to annually notify parents and guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds.

<p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 772.1</p> <p>SC 772.1</p> <p>SC 772.1</p>	<p>Appropriate personnel involved in making decisions relative to pest management shall participate in update training.</p> <p>Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and site appropriate pesticides.</p> <p>An integrated pest management decision shall consist of the following five (5) steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pest species identification. 2. Estimate pest populations and compare to established action thresholds. 3. Select the appropriate management tactics based on current on-site information. 4. Assess effectiveness of pest management. 5. Keep appropriate records. <p>An Integrated Pest Management Program shall include informing the staff, students and the public about IPM policies and procedures.</p> <p>When pesticide applications are scheduled in school buildings and on school grounds, the district shall provide notification in accordance with law, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Posting a pest control sign in an appropriate area. 2. Providing the pest control information sheet to all individuals working in the school building. 3. Providing required notice to a list of parents and guardians who have requested notification of individual applications of pesticides. <p>Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the district may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any parent or guardian who has requested such notification.</p> <p>The district shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the district’s facilities building.</p>
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