



INDIANA PESTICIDE REVIEW BOARD

Model Pest Control in Indiana Schools Policy

This school corporation is committed to providing students a safe environment. It seeks to prevent children from being exposed to pests and pesticides. While pesticides protect children and property from pests such as insects, weeds, and rodents that may be found in the school and its surrounding grounds, under some circumstances they may pose a hazard to children and employees. To minimize potential pesticide exposure to children, pest control practices in this school may involve a variety of effective chemical and non-chemical methods.

Pursuant to this commitment, the corporation will:

1. Ensure that pesticides are used only by certified pesticide applicators or individuals operating under their supervision.
2. Ensure that pesticides are not used when children are present or are likely to be exposed to a liquid pesticide residue.
3. Inform parents and staff members of the corporation's pest control policy at least annually and include in this notice, the name and phone number of a contact for more information.
4. Establish a registry of staff members and parents of students at the school building who request advance notice and ensure that school health professionals are on the registry.
5. Provide to those on the registry at least two school days advance notice of pesticide use, except when the pests pose an immediate health threat or threaten to disrupt a normal learning environment.
6. Whenever advance notice is not provided, notify those on the registry as soon as possible thereafter and include an explanation for the delayed notice and what pesticide was applied.

This policy and the accompanying procedures do not apply to the following exempted uses of pesticides:

1. Germicides, disinfectants, bactericides, sanitizing agents, water purifiers and swimming pool chemicals used in normal cleaning activities;
2. Personal insect repellents when self applied; and
3. Gel bait or manufactured enclosed insecticides when used where students do not have access to the insecticide.

The Superintendent shall prepare and disseminate procedures for the implementation of this policy.

Model Pest Control Procedures

The intent of these procedures is to implement the school corporation's pest control policy and, thereby, prevent exposure of staff members, students or the public to potentially harmful pesticides.

1. Pesticides include any product designed to prevent, repel or kill a pest organism. They include herbicides (weed killers), rodenticides, insecticides, algacides, and fungicides. However, these procedures do not apply to the following exempted uses of pesticides:
 - a. Germicides, disinfectants, bactericides, sanitizing agents, water purifiers and swimming pool chemicals used in normal cleaning activities;
 - b. Personal insect repellents when self applied; and
 - c. Gel bait or manufactured enclosed insecticides when used where students do not have access to the insecticide.

2. Pesticides may be applied in school buildings or on school grounds only by certified pesticide applicators or by properly trained individuals using pesticides under their supervision. The certified pesticide applicator may be an employee of the school corporation or a for hire contractor licensed by the Office of the Indiana State Chemist.

To be properly trained to use pesticides at schools, the non-certified individual being supervised must be trained by a certified pesticide applicator. A record of the training date(s) must be maintained by the certified applicator. This training must include a review of the following:

- a. The school corporation's pest control policy;
 - b. The label instructions for the pesticides to be used;
 - c. Methods to determine when and where an application of pesticide is necessary; and
 - d. Methods to minimize potential pesticide exposure to students, teachers and staff;
3. A pesticide may be used whenever the certified pesticide applicator determines that it is needed. The applicator should use non-chemical controls whenever practical. When pesticides are used, the applicator should use pesticides that are effective in controlling the pest(s) and that result in the lowest exposure to people during and after the application.

All pesticides must be applied in strict compliance with label instructions. In addition, pesticides must not be applied in the presence of children or in areas where children are likely to come in contact with liquid residues. Therefore, whenever possible, pesticide applications should be done during non-instructional time, when after-school activities are completed, or during vacation periods.

4. All staff members and parents of students at the school shall be eligible to be placed on a registry to be notified of all but exempted uses of pesticides. This registry shall consist of school health professionals and any parent or staff member who requests to be on the registry.

All parents and staff members will be invited to join the registry at the beginning of the school year or when a child transfers into a school during the school year. A request to be added to the registry may be made at any time during the school year.

The invitation to join the registry shall include the following:

- a. A written copy of the school corporation's pest control policy;
 - b. The name and telephone number of the contact person for pest control information; and
 - c. A request form to be placed on the registry to receive advance notice of the use of pesticides.
5. The school shall provide parents and staff members on the registry with notice at least two school days in

- advance of the pesticide use. If school is not in session for two days after the pesticides are applied, no notice is required. The notices should be given as follows:
- a. For pesticide use to control pests that pose an immediate health threat or that may disrupt the learning environment, notice should be given as soon as possible after the application.
 - b. For routine outdoor use of herbicides (weed killers) only, notice may be given up to 90 days in advance in the form of a schedule of expected uses including "rain-out" dates.
 - c. For routine pest inspections that might result in pesticide use, the notice can be provided up to 30 days in advance and include only the results of the previous inspection/service.
6. The school will provide parents and staff members on the registry with notice through method(s) determined by the school to communicate to the parents and staff effectively. These methods can include, but may not be limited to phone calls, notes taken home by a student, or notice in the school newsletter. The school need not confirm receipt of the notice or take extraordinary measures to ensure delivery.
7. The notice shall include:
- a. The anticipated date of the pesticide application or pest inspection service that may result in a pesticide application.
 - b. The general location of the pesticide application (e.g., whether the application is taking place inside or outside of the school building). If the notice addresses a routine scheduled inspection by an applicator, the results of the most recent inspection may be provided as an alternative. These results must include a description of pests encountered, pesticides applied (brand name or active ingredient), and pesticide application method during previous inspection or service.
 - c. A telephone number that parents and staff can use to contact the school for more information.
 - d. If two days notice was not provided or is provided after the fact, an explanation why advance notice was not provided and what pesticide was applied.
8. The school, upon request, will make available the following information for 90 days from the date of application:
- a. Date and time of the inspection and pesticide application;
 - b. Pests found during inspection;
 - c. Brand name and active ingredient of pesticide(s);
 - d. EPA registration number of pesticide(s);
 - e. General areas treated;
 - f. Name of applicator; and
 - g. A source for obtaining information on the pesticide label(s), material safety data sheet(s), and/or fact sheet(s) for end use concentrations.
9. Pesticides shall be stored according to label directions. In addition, they shall be kept in their original containers in a locked area that is clearly marked as containing pesticides. The storage area shall be separated from rooms where children are or areas where food is stored or used. The amount of pesticides that is stored should be kept to a minimum. Restricted use pesticides shall be stored away from school grounds. Material Safety Data Sheets for the pesticides will be on file and readily available upon request to the school healthcare professional, staff members and parents of students at the school.