

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT MODEL POLICY STATEMENT

Structural and landscape pests can pose problems to people and the environment. Some pest control chemicals can also pose problems to people and the environment. It is, therefore, the policy of the _____ School District to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for the control of structural and landscape pests. Pest problems will be managed by using IPM methods that reduce risk, are effective, and economically feasible. Pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment will be carefully evaluated before use and will only be used after careful monitoring indicates they are needed according to preestablished guidelines and treatment thresholds.

Integrated Pest Management means a pest management strategy that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems through a combination of techniques such as monitoring for pest presence and establishing treatment threshold levels, using nonchemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest development, improving sanitation, and employing mechanical and physical controls.