

# Integrated Pest Management

Facilities Staff & Programs	Phone Number
Pest Control Problems	475-220-3900

This section introduces you to the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. IPM is an approach to pest control that uses regular monitoring and recordkeeping to determine if and when treatments are needed. It employs a combination of strategies and practices to keep pest numbers low enough to prevent unacceptable annoyance or damages.

## Principles of IPM

1. Perform thorough in-field or on-site assessments of each pest problem.
2. Establish scouting or inspection procedures to monitor pest population levels and severity of the pest problem.
3. Use appropriate control action thresholds, if available, for each (combination of) pest problem(s) to determine when corrective action(s) must be implemented.
4. Determine corrective action(s) when a control action threshold is reached. Use the following objectives in the selection of specific reduced-risk practices: least disruptive of natural controls, least hazardous to human health, least toxic to non-target organisms, least damaging to the environment, and most cost-effective considering both short- and long-term objectives.
5. Establish and maintain an accurate record keeping system to catalog monitoring information and management procedures.
6. Evaluate the effectiveness of the schools IPM program and adjust, as needed.

## Requirements for IPM Policy

At the beginning of each school year, the board has implemented such policies that require the written guidelines on how the IPM plan is to be implemented and provide to parents/guardians of enrolled students with a statement that includes a summary of the IPM plan for the school. Each school is responsible for maintaining a registry of persons who wish to be notified. That statement must:

- Indicate that staff, parents/guardians may register for prior notice of pesticide applications at the school.
- Describe notification procedures for emergency applications.

The school shall provide notice to any that have registered to be notified by any means practicable on or before the date of application at the school. Such notification shall include:

- The name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied.
- The location of the application on the school property.
- The date of the application.

- The name of the school administrator or designee who may be contacted for further information.
- Any modifications to the IPM plan.
- The IPM Contractor will ensure each school has a copy of the required plan which will include all the required MSDS Sheets and product labels. The IPM plan must be in the main office. The IPM plan will also include a template of the letter that must be sent yearly as well as a template of the register to be maintained at the school.