

## **Pest Management**

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### I. General Policy Statement

Pests are significant problems for people and society. The pesticides that are commonly used in pest control may pose potential risk to human health and the environment. The Haywood County School Board is committed to maintaining a safe educational environment while also protecting the physical conditions of school facilities. To this end the Board will utilize Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures and incorporate those in the maintenance program conducted by the school system. The superintendent will appoint an IPM contact person to facilitate the use of IPM techniques. The following regulations will govern the Haywood County School's pest management program.

### II. Regulations

IPM is a comprehensive approach that combines effective, economic, environmentally sound and socially acceptable methods to prevent and solve pest problems. IPM emphasizes pest prevention through education and provides pest suppression if, when and where it is needed with control tactics that are appropriate.

- A. The purpose of the IPM program is to: 1) minimize any potential health, environmental and economic risks from pests or from the use of pest control methods, 2) minimize loss or damage to school structures or property from the use of pest control methods, 3) minimize the risk of pests spreading into the community, and 4) enhance the quality of facility use for the school and community.
- B. The school system shall include pest management considerations in facilities planning and maintenance of buildings and grounds.
- C. Staff, students, parents and the public shall be educated about potential pest problems, policies and procedures and their respective roles in achieving the desired pest management objectives. Each year, the superintendent or his/her designee will ensure that student and parents are notified of the IPM program through memo, handbook or newsletter. Notice of nonscheduled pesticide use will be made at least 72 hours in advance, to the extent possible.
- E. Records of pest management activities shall be maintained, including inspection records, monitoring records, pest surveillance data sheets or other indicators of pest populations and a record of structural repairs and modifications.
- F. When spray pesticides are used records shall be maintained on each site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency. Otherwise, routine monthly activities records will be maintained at the Maintenance Department.
- G. Only a certified Pesticide Applicator or someone under his/her supervision will be allowed to use pesticides to control the outbreak of pests. An emergency situation may arise that the principal or site administrator will handle.

**Legal References: G.S. 115C-12(33)(d) and (e), 115C-36 and 115C-47(45), (46) and (47)**