

Santa Barbara School District

Board Policy

BP 3514.2

Business and Non-Instructional Operation

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The Governing Board recognizes the maintenance of safe, clean and healthful environment for students and staff is essential to learning. It is the goal of the Districts to provide the safest and lowest risk approach to control pest problems while protecting students, staff, the environment and District properties and assets.

The Districts have adopted a least toxic Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy. Pests will be controlled: to protect the health and safety of the students and staff; to maintain a productive learning environment; and to maintain the integrity of the school buildings and grounds. It is the policy of the Districts to focus on and develop long-term pest prevention methods and give “non-chemical” methods first consideration when selecting appropriate control measures. The full range of alternatives will be considered, giving preference to non-chemical method, and then chemicals that pose the least hazard to people and the environment.

The District’s least toxic Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program shall contain the following elements:

1. Monitoring to determine pest population levels and identify decisions and practices that could effect pest populations.
2. Determining threshold of management action based upon, in order or least tolerance, potential of pest to cause human harm; potential of pest to cause substantial damage to assets; potential of pest to disrupt the learning or working environment; potential of pest to cause aesthetic offense.
3. Modification of pest habitats to deter pest populations and minimize pest infestations.
4. Implementation of a range of potential treatments for the pest problem, including prevention, mechanical, cultural, and biological methods of pest control, using synthetic chemical controls only as a last resort and only those chemicals that pose the least possible hazard to people and the environment.

5. A Pest Management Committee shall be established and be responsible for the implementation of the District's IPM policy; reviewing the approved products on the Districts' approved pesticide list and assist staff in developing ongoing training opportunities for staff. The Committee shall investigate low-risk/least hazardous alternatives to conventional chemicals and, when found effective, these least hazardous substitutes shall be used in place of chemical applications. The committee may include the Superintendent or designee, IPM coordinator, parent, certificated staff member, classified staff member, and one community member at large.
6. Training of personnel is critical to the success of an IPM program. All affected staff shall receive training necessary to educate them about their role in the successful implementation of this IPM program. The IPM Coordinator, along with the IPM Committee, will develop a plan for education for personnel.
7. Abstain from using any Category I or Category II pesticides, restricted use pesticides, or pesticide product containing an ingredient known to the State of California to cause cancer, development toxicity, or reproductive toxicity, pursuant to the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, or any pesticide product containing an ingredient classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a known human carcinogen, reproductive toxin, developmental toxin, or endocrine disrupter.
8. A list shall be developed of all pesticides approved for use at schools, along with any restrictions for such use. This list shall be referred to as the Approved Pesticide List (APL). The APL shall not include any product listed above in Item 7.

The Superintendent shall designate a staff person to coordinate the IPM program. The IPM coordinator shall be educated in the principles and practice of least toxic IPM and be responsible to provide:

- Oversight for the successful implementation of the program consistent with this policy and coordinate all District efforts to adopt IPM.
- Overall program management and provide proposed procedures and products for use in managing pest population.
- Formal notification to parents, staff and students of any chemical pesticide application including pre-and-post signage.
- Establish and maintain a registry of parents, staff and students that have indicated they desire notification 72 hours prior to pesticide applications.
- Record-keeping guidelines for any chemical pesticide application.
- Education and training for IPM personnel.
- A list of approved procedure and products.

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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