

## Integrated Pest Management Plan and Policy Statement for Whiteside School District #115

According to State law:

1. Schools are required to adopt an integrated pest management program (IPM).
2. Schools must provide notification to parents, guardians, and school employees prior to the application of pesticides in side school buildings and on school grounds.

Each year the school handbook provides instructions on how to register to be notified of pesticide applications. Those who register will be notified 48 hours prior to application. To be included in the pest notification registry, please send a signed, written request, including the address to which notice should be mailed, to the school district office.

The goal of the IPM program is to reduce any potential human health hazards.

Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by the pest species and the degree to which that population poses a threat to people, property, or the environment.

IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological, or chemical means. Non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible. The full range of alternatives, including no action, will be considered.

When it is determined a pesticide will be used, the least hazardous product and method will be chosen. When applying pesticides, the District will follow all federal state, and local regulations. No routine applications will be made. Pesticide applications that have the potential to become airborne will be done when school and school activities are not in progress.

The IPM coordinator will:

1. coordinate with custodial and maintenance staff to ensure implementation of best prevention measures,
2. oversee any pest control contractor engaged in pest control on school grounds and ensure that anyone applying pesticides in school or on school grounds uses the principles and practices of IPM,
3. coordinate with administration to carry out notification, recordkeeping, education, and training.

Staff, students, pest manager, and the public will be educated as needed about potential school pest problems and the IPM procedures used to achieve the desired management objective.

Records of pesticide use will be maintained on site, shall include number of pests or other indicators of pest activity that verify the need for pesticide use, and will be made available to the staff and general public upon request.