

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

**Facilities & Operations
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT****QUICK LINKS**[Request For Individual Pesticide Application Notification](#)[Parental Notification](#)[Application Notice](#)[Pest Sighting Log](#)

Pests can pose significant problems to people, property, and the environment. Pesticides pose similar risks. Children spend a great deal of time in schools and face greater potential for health effects resulting from pest and pesticide exposure. By reducing reliance on pesticides and incorporating low-risk control options, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) reduces both pests and pesticide risks. It is therefore the policy of the Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) to incorporate IPM procedures for controlling pests. This SIP and a list of pesticides anticipated to be applied by the pest control contractor ("Contractor") shall be posted on the FCSS website.

Integrated Pest Management Procedures

IPM relies on pest monitoring and the most economical and least hazardous combination of cultural, physical, biological, and/or chemical controls to prevent unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage. The school IPM Coordinator in consultation with the school employee IPM Representative will develop a site plan for each locality on school property that experiences pest problems. These plans will incorporate IPM and outline specific management tactics. FCSS integrated sites will follow the IPM policy of the school property on which they are located.

The full range of management options, including no action at all, will be considered. The choice of using a pesticide is based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not acceptable or are not feasible. Non-chemical pest management methods are used whenever possible. Pesticides will be used only when recommended by the Contractor. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, the least hazardous material and method of application will be chosen. Pesticide applications will be timed to minimize their impact on school grounds. All pesticides will be handled according to state and federal law.

Pest Management Objectives

- Maintain a safe and sustainable school environment
- Protect human health by suppressing pests that threaten public health and safety
- Reduce exposure of humans, particularly children, to pesticides
- Reduce or prevent pest damage to school properties
- Reduce environmental pollution
- Reduce the costs of pest management
- Prevent pests from spreading beyond school property

IPM Coordinator

The Executive Director of Facilities & Operations shall be the IPM Coordinator for FCSS. Each school site will appoint a school employee as the IPM Representative to assist the IPM Coordinator in implementing the IPM Policy and site plans. The school employee IPM Representative responsibilities will include:

- Recording all pest sightings by school staff and students
- Recording all pesticide use and making those records available

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- Making pesticide labels and material safety data sheets for all products applied available
- Recording all Contractor's recommendations
- Assuring that all of the pest control contractor's recommendations on maintenance and sanitation are carried out where feasible
- Posting and notification of pesticide application to school staff, students, and parents
- Additional notification to parents so requesting
- Evaluating the school's progress in implementing the IPM plan
- Coordinating with the Executive Director of Facilities & Operations IPM Coordinator on IPM reporting requirements

Education and Training

The school community will be educated about potential pest problems and IPM methods used to achieve the pest management objectives. From the very beginning, IPM should involve people from all segments of the school community. Employees with IPM responsibilities are required to complete an online IPM training upon hire and annually through the annual notifications.

Each school employee IPM Representative and any staff involved with applying pesticides shall complete a DPR-approved training in school IPM and in the safe use of pesticides in relation to the unique nature of schools and children's health on an annual basis.

Record Keeping

Pest sighting data sheets and pest control records will be kept current and accessible to verify the need for treatments and track the effectiveness of management activities. Pesticide records shall be maintained on site and meet the requirements of the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. All records will be kept for 4 years.

A binder should also be kept with the following sections:

- School policy and annual notification
- List of registered parents to be notified
- Safety Data Sheets
- Copies of postings (the Contractor will note the amount of pesticide applied on the posting)

Reporting

The Contractor will submit a pesticide use report to the Department of Pesticide Regulation in January listing all pesticides applied at the school site during the prior calendar year.

Notification/Posting

A notice will be provided to school staff, students, and parents at the beginning of each school year briefly explaining the school's pesticide use policy. The notice must also explain that the school will provide written notification to any parents who request to be notified at least 3 days before each high-risk pesticide application completed by the Contractor during the school year. Signs will also be posted 24 hours before and 72 hours after high-risk treatments are applied any time of year. For a list of pesticides that may be applied at our sites, refer to the FCSS website, <https://www.fcoe.org/departments/facilities-and-operations/IPM>.

Pesticide Storage and Purchase

Low-risk pesticides as defined by the State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation are non-chemical alternatives to fumigant pesticides. Low-risk pesticide purchases will be limited to the amount needed for use during the year. Low-risk pesticides will be stored in an appropriate, secure site that is not accessible to students or unauthorized personnel and disposed of in accordance with label directions and state regulations.

Pesticide Applicators

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Employees with appropriate training may apply low-risk pesticides on school grounds. Training will include the principles and practices of IPM. Additionally, all high-risk and restricted-use pesticides will be applied only by a commercial pesticide applicator licensed by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Applicators must follow state regulations and label precautions and must comply with the School IPM Policy and pest management site plans.

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