

Mount Prospect School District 57

Integrated Pest Management Policy (IPM)

Policy

It is the policy of this school district to implement and practice Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests in school buildings and minimize the exposure of students, faculty, and staff to pesticides. State law requires public schools to practice IPM.

Pests

It is the policy of this school district to control pests in the school environment. Pests can pose hazards to human health, damage to property, and disrupt learning.

Pesticides

It is the policy of this school district to reduce potential exposure to pesticides in the school environment. Exposure to pesticides can pose a health risk to students, staff, and others, which can be minimized by practicing IPM.

Regularly scheduled applications of pesticides are not permitted under the IPM policy.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

The Integrated Pest Management program at all District 57 schools will include the following:

- Regular monitoring to identify pest problems
- Preference for the use of non-chemical control methods to address pest problems
- When necessary, the use of least-hazardous chemical controls after non-chemical control methods have been applied
- Preventive actions to reduce future pest problems

IPM Coordinator

The business services director will be designated as the IPM coordinator. This person will be responsible for overseeing pest control for the district.

Notification

If a pesticide application is deemed to be necessary by the IPM coordinator, parents and staff will be notified in writing two business days prior to the pesticide application.

Contractors

Any contractor hired by the school district to provide pest control or other services must comply with the district's IPM and notification policy.

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