

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The Pitt County Board of Education supports clean and safe facilities for its staff, students and the public. To that end, the Pitt County Schools will use its Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program to prevent and control pest problems in school buildings and grounds, and minimize pesticide use. Additionally, the Superintendent will appoint an IPM coordinator to facilitate the use of IPM techniques.

The IPM Program will utilize strategies including, but not limited to, training of staff, monitoring and inspecting facilities, communication and notification to staff and parents, and the use of pesticides as a last resort. When a decision is made to use pesticides, the staff will utilize the least toxic pesticide formulation and most targeted application method possible.

A school's principal and/or the principal's designee annually will notify the students' parents, guardians, or custodians as well as school staff of the schedule of pesticide use on school property and their right to request notification. Such notification will be made, to the extent possible, at least 72 hours in advance of nonscheduled pesticide use on school property. Should a pest emergency require immediate action, every effort will be made to provide notification to school staff and parents or guardians in a timely manner.

The notification requirements under this subdivision do not apply to the application of the following types of pesticide products: antimicrobial cleansers, disinfectants, self-contained baits and crack-and-crevice treatments, and any pesticide products classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as belonging to the U.S.E.P.A. Toxicity Class IV, "relatively nontoxic" (no signal word required on the product's label).

All contracts and contract bids for pest control services will be amended to require that the contractor follows the IPM program.