

1 Pests are significant problems for people and property. The pesticides that are commonly used in
2 pest control may pose a potential risk to human health and the environment. The [Transylvania](#)
3 [County Board of Education \(the “board”\)](#) is committed to maintaining a safe educational
4 environment while also protecting the physical conditions of school facilities. To this end, the
5 board will utilize Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs or incorporate IPM procedures
6 into the maintenance program conducted by the school system. The superintendent will appoint
7 an IPM contact person to facilitate the use of IPM techniques. As necessary, the superintendent
8 or designee will develop administrative procedures for the IPM program.
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10 A. OVERVIEW OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

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12 IPM is a comprehensive approach that combines effective, economic, environmentally
13 sound, and socially acceptable methods to prevent and solve pest problems. IPM
14 emphasizes pest prevention and provides a decision-making process for determining if,
15 when, and where pest suppression is needed and what control tactics are appropriate.
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17 Through its IPM program, the school system will strive to do the following:
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- 19 1. minimize any potential health, environmental, and economic risks from pests or
20 from the use of pest control methods;
- 21 2. minimize loss or damage to school structures or property from pests or from the
22 use of pest control methods;
- 23 3. minimize the risk of pests spreading into the community; and
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- 25 4. enhance the quality of facility use for the school and community.
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29 Pesticide use will not be based *solely* on a schedule. School personnel in charge of pest
30 management will consider how and when pesticides need to be used to achieve the pest
31 management goals.
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33 B. USE OF IPM IN FACILITY AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

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35 The school system shall include pest management considerations in facilities planning
36 and maintenance. The IPM contact person, in conjunction with the school system’s
37 contracted pest management professional, will recommend to the superintendent any
38 landscaping changes, structural modifications, and sanitation changes needed to reduce or
39 prevent pest problems. The superintendent will review such recommendations and may
40 authorize action to address necessary minor changes in a timely manner, as the budget
41 permits. For significant changes or changes that require a significant expenditure of
42 funds, the superintendent will recommend changes to the board for approval.
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44 C. PROVIDING INFORMATION ON IPM TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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46 Staff, students, pest managers, parents, and the public will be informed about potential
47 school pest problems, school IPM policies and procedures, and their respective roles in
48 achieving the desired pest management objectives. Each year, the principal or designee
49 will ensure that the student handbook includes the schedule of anticipated pesticide use
50 on school property and a notice to parents, guardians, and custodians of their right to
51 request notification of nonscheduled pesticide use. Additionally, the principal or
52 designee shall annually notify school staff of scheduled pesticide use on school property
53 and of their right to request notice of nonscheduled pesticide use. Notice of
54 nonscheduled pesticide use should be made at least 72 hours in advance of such use, to
55 the extent possible. **The notification requirements under this Section do not apply to the**
56 **application of antimicrobial cleansers, disinfectants, self-contained baits and crack-and-**
57 **crevice treatments, and any pesticide products classified by the United States**
58 **Environmental Protection Agency as U.S.E.P.A. Toxicity Class IV (“relatively**
59 **nontoxic”).**
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61 **D. RECORDKEEPING**

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63 Records of all pest management activities must be maintained, including inspection
64 records, monitoring records, pest surveillance data sheets or other indicators of pest
65 populations, and records of structural repairs and modifications. If pesticides are used,
66 records must be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory
67 agency and school board.
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69 Legal References: G.S. 115C-12(34)d and e, -36, -47(47)
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71 Cross References: School Safety (policy 1510/4200/7270), Planning to Address Facility Needs
72 (policy 9000), Care and Maintenance of Facilities (policy 9200)
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