

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115C 47(45)a, the superintendent or designee shall annually notify the students' parent(s)/guardian(s) and school staff of the schedule of pesticide use on school property and their right to request notification. Such notification shall be made to the extent possible at least 72 hours in advance of nonscheduled pesticide use on school property. The Board shall develop an integrated pest management policy for implementation no later than October 1, 2011.

Insects, rodents, and other pests can be a significant problem for both people and property. Many of the pesticides that are commonly used in pest control may pose a potential risk to human health and to the environment. The Transylvania County Board of Education (the "Board") is committed to maintaining a safe educational environment while also protecting the physical condition of school facilities. To this end, the Board will utilize *Integrated Pest Management* (IPM) programs and incorporate IPM procedures into the maintenance program conducted by the school system. The Superintendent will appoint an IPM supervisor ("designee") to facilitate the use of IPM techniques. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee will develop administrative procedures for the IPM program.

A. OVERVIEW OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

IPM is a comprehensive approach that combines effective, economic, environmentally sound, and socially acceptable methods to prevent and solve pest problems. IPM emphasizes prevention while providing a decision-making process to determine the need for pest suppression and the appropriate control tactics to remedy the problem.

The school system's IPM program will strive to do the following:

1. Minimize potential health, environmental, and economic risks from pests or from the use of pest control methods;
2. Minimize loss or damage to school structures or property from pests or from the use of pest control methods;
3. Minimize the risk of pests spreading into the community; and,
4. Enhance the quality of facility use for the school and community.

Pesticides will not be used based *solely* on a schedule. The Superintendent or designee will determine how and when pesticides need to be used to achieve pest management goals.

B. USE OF IPM IN FACILITY AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

The school system shall include pest management considerations in facilities planning and maintenance. The designee, in conjunction with the school system's contracted pest

45 management professional, will recommend to the Superintendent any landscaping
46 changes, structural modifications, and sanitation changes needed to reduce or prevent
47 pest problems. The Superintendent will review such recommendations and may
48 authorize action to address necessary minor changes in a timely manner, as the budget
49 permits. For significant changes or changes that require a significant expenditure of
50 funds, the Superintendent will recommend changes to the Board for approval.

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52 **C. PROVIDING INFORMATION ON IPM TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

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54 Staff, students, pest managers, parents, and the public will be informed about potential
55 school pest problems, school IPM policies and procedures, and their respective roles in
56 achieving the desired pest management objectives. Each year, the principal or designee
57 will ensure that the student handbook includes the schedule of anticipated pesticide use
58 on school property, or a statement thereof, and a notice to parents of their right to request
59 notification of nonscheduled pesticide use. Notice of nonscheduled pesticide use should
60 be made at least 72 hours in advance, to the extent possible, and may be made by
61 telephone, email, or other reliable means of communication. The notification
62 requirements under this subsection do not apply to the application of antimicrobial
63 cleansers, disinfectants, self-contained baits, crack-and-crevice treatments, or any
64 pesticide products classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as
65 U.S.E.P.A. Toxicity Class IV (“relatively nontoxic”).

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67 **D. RECORDKEEPING**

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69 Records of all pest management activities must be maintained, including inspection
70 records, monitoring records, pest surveillance data sheets or other indicators of pest
71 populations, and a record of structural repairs and modifications. If pesticides are used,
72 records must be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory
73 agency and the Board.

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75 Legal References: N. C. Gen. Stat. §§ 115C-12(34)(d) and (e), -36, and -47(47)

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77 Cross References: Board Policy FEC (“Facility Development Plans and Specifications”)

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