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Integrated Pest Management Plan



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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

SCHOOL PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Structural and landscape pests can pose significant problems to people, property and the environment. Pesticides can also pose risks to people, property and the environment. It is therefore the practice of the Lake Elsinore Unified School District to incorporate integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for control of structural and landscape pests.

PESTS

Pests are populations of animals, plants or microorganisms that interfere with use of the school site for human purposes. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by the pest species and whether that species poses a threat to people, property or the environment.

PEST MANAGEMENT

Pest management plans should be developed for each site and should include any proposed pest management measures. Pests will be managed to:

- Reduce any potential human health hazard or to protect against a significant threat to public safety.
- Prevent loss of or damage to school structures or property.
- Prevent pests from spreading into the community, or to plant and animal populations beyond the site.
- Enhance the quality of life for students, staff and others.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural or biological means. IPM practitioners depend on current, comprehensive information on the pest and its environment and the best available pest control methods. Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

The choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not acceptable or are not feasible. Selected non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible to provide the desired control. It is the practice of the Lake Elsinore Unified School District to utilize IPM principles to manage pest populations adequately. The full range of alternatives, including no action, will be considered.

When it is determined that a pesticide must be used to meet pest management goals, the least hazardous material will be chosen. The application of pesticides is subject to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (7 United States Code et seq.), the Healthy Schools Act of 2000 (California Assembly Bill 2260), school district policies and procedures, Environmental

Protection Agency regulations in 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Cal/OSHA regulations, and local government regulations.

EDUCATION

Staff, students, pest managers and the public will be educated about potential school pest problems and the IPM policies and procedures to be used to achieve the desired pest management objectives.

RECORD KEEPING

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of federal, state, and local regulatory agencies and the School District. In addition, work orders that record the number of pests or other indicators of pest populations are to be maintained to verify the need for pest management.

NOTIFICATION

This School District is responsible for notifying the school staff and students of upcoming pesticide applications. Notices will be posted in designated areas at schools and sent home to parents who wish to be informed in advance of pesticide applications in accordance with the Healthy Schools Act of 2000.

PESTICIDE APPLICATORS

Pesticide applicators must be educated and trained in the principles and practices of IPM and the use of pesticides approved by this School District. They must follow federal, state and local agency regulations and label precautions when applying pesticides. Applicators must be State of California licensed as structural and agricultural pesticide applicators and comply with this School District IPM policy and Pest Management Plans.