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### **Purpose**

The School District shall utilize integrated pest management procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

The District may integrate IPM education into the curriculum in accordance with relevant academic standards.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

### **Definitions**

**Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information to design and implement pest control methods that are economically, environmentally and socially sound. IPM promotes prevention over remediation and advocates integration of at least two (2) or more strategies to achieve long-term solutions.

**Integrated Pest Management Plan** is a plan that establishes a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health and environmental risks.[\[3\]](#)

### **Authority**

The Board establishes that the School District shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs.[\[4\]](#)  
[\[5\]](#)

The Board shall adopt an Integrated Pest Management Plan for District buildings and grounds that complies with policies and regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture.[\[3\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Board shall designate an employee to serve as IPM Coordinator for the District.

The IPM Coordinator shall be responsible to annually notify parents/guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds.[\[6\]](#)

The IPM Coordinator shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the District's administrative office.[\[6\]](#)

Appropriate personnel involved in making decisions relative to pest management shall participate in update training.

**DISCLAIMERS:**

***This policy is superseded by all current federal and state laws and mandates.***

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[1. 22 PA Code 4.12](#)

2. Pol. 102

[3. 24 P.S. 772.1](#)

[4. 3 P.S. 111.21 et seq](#)

[5. 7 PA Code 128.1 et seq](#)

[6. 24 P.S. 772.2](#)

[7 U.S.C. 136 et seq](#)