

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Notification

The Pennsylvania State Legislature mandates that school districts follow an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan for notification of pesticide applications.

The Stroudsburg Area School District follows an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach when managing insects, rodents, and weeds. Our goal is to protect students from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making our school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor our school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator, who evaluates the “pest problem” and determines the appropriate pest management technique to address the problem. Techniques used can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pests, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals need to be used, the district will use the least toxic product possible. Application will be made only at times when students, staff, and residents do not have access to the area being treated. Notices will be posted in any area needing treatment 72 hours prior to application, and notices will remain posted for two days following the application.

If chemical application is needed to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be given to parents or guardians who are listed on our notification registry. “Exemptions” to this notification include disinfectants and anti-microbial products, self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel-type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school district may request notification of a pesticide application by filling out the information requested on the bottom of this page and returning it to your child’s school office to be forwarded to the District IPM Coordinator, Terry Eilber. *You must submit a signed sheet every school year designating that you wish to be on the current school year’s notification list, because a new notification list is compiled every school year.*

If you have any questions, you may contact: Terry Eilber, IPM Coordinator
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Student’s Name: _____

School Student Attends: _____

Signature of Parent (or) Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____