

Integrated Pest Management - CSD Policy 8431A

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. An emphasis is placed on manipulation of the pest environment to the point that it will not support a pest population.

Michigan law requires that certain conditions must be met prior to making a pesticide application (other than sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or anti-microbial agents) in schools, public buildings, or health care facilities. These conditions include:

- A. the pesticide applicator must have attended an approved IPM program;
- B. there must be an IPM plan in place for the building.

The goal of this policy is to provide a safe and healthy learning environment that is relatively pest-free with the least possible use of pesticides. This IPM plan is intended to reduce the incidence of pest infestation while also reducing the need for chemical pesticide applications. It is also intended to satisfy the requirement for having an IPM plan in place for the building. Note: In a situation where there are multiple buildings, the plan will include a site description and evaluation for EACH building.

Within thirty (30) days of the beginning of each school year, the Principal or the IPM Coordinator shall provide written notification to parents (or guardians) of children attending the school of their right to be informed before any pesticide application is made to the school property. The notice shall be on a form containing statements that pesticides may periodically be applied to school property and that parents (or guardians) have a right to request prior notification of such pesticide applications. The form will also state that in the case of an emergency, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but that those parents who request notification will be notified of the emergency application after it occurs.