

Pesticide/Herbicide Applications and Asbestos Management

Pesticide, Insecticide, Herbicide Application

South Haven Public School District utilizes an integrated pest management program. This program is designed to control insects and other pests commonly found in school buildings and associated school grounds. The intent of the program is to manage pest at an acceptable level. Non-chemical methods are used for infestations when ever possible.

Exterior spraying for ants, grubs, or other pests, in conjunction with the application of herbicides to control weeds and fungicides to control turf and plant diseases is accomplished by school district employees or a licensed contractor. Employees who are assigned this work are licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as certified applicators.

General treatment is made depending on where pests have become a nuisance or where a chronic problem has been identified. Notices will be posted on the district web site and at the main entrance of the treated facility not less than 48 hours before application of non-exempt pesticides. In the case of emergency treatment notifications will be made after the application has occurred.

Parents or guardians may review the school's IPM program records and request prior notification of applications by contacting the Superintendent's office. If this method is elected by parents or guardians, notice will be sent by mail 3 days prior to applications. In case of emergency applications, notification will be made after the application occurs.

Asbestos Management

It is believed that at this time all remaining asbestos is either not friable (flaking) or contained in such a manner that it is not a threat to the welfare and safety of our students. If you are concerned about the location of asbestos in a building that your child attends, the district has a management plan for each building and this plan is located in the principal's office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent office located at 554 Green Street or by phone at 269-637-0520.

For additional pesticide information call the national Pesticide center, 1-800-858-7378