

Advisory To Parents / Guardians

Dear Parent or Guardian:

State of Michigan law requires that schools that may apply pesticides on school property must provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that Manton Consolidated schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. 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. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods at least 48 hours prior to the application. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school which is located at Manton Middle School doors, 105 5th Street, Manton MI 49663. The second method will be by the method below:

Posting information on the school web site: <https://www.mantonschools.org/> - On the main Manton Consolidated Schools site, click Menu: Documents: Pesticide Information

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please contact

Leonard Morrow, MCS Superintendent
231-824-6411
lmorrow@mantonschools.org.

Questions may be directed to the person at the school building responsible for pesticide application:

John Morrow, MCS Maintenance Director
231-824-6411
jmorrow@mantonschools.org

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request.