

Integrated Pest Management is the comprehensive approach to pest management that combines biological, physical, chemical, and cultural tactics as well as effective, economic, environmentally sound, and socially acceptable methods to prevent and solve pest problems that emphasizes pest prevention and provides a decision-making process for determining if, when, and where pest suppression is needed and what control tactics and methods are appropriate.

The Schoolchildren's Health Act, which was enacted into law in North Carolina in July 2006, includes requirements for LEAs and school boards regarding implementation of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program and the notification requirements when pesticides *are* used on school grounds. Notification section and IPM guidelines were required to be in place by October 1, 2006. The use of the complete IPM Program to be in place and used by October 1, 2011.

The Martin County Board of Education supports clean and safe facilities for students, staff, and the public. To that end, Martin County Schools will use its Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program to prevent and control pest problems in school buildings and grounds, and minimize the use of pesticides.

The IPM program will use strategies such as; monitoring and inspection of facilities, communication, training of staff, and the use of pesticides as a last resort. Communication and notification to staff and parents will be made in the event of pesticide use, the staff will utilize the least toxic pesticide formulation and most targeted application method possible.

Martin County Schools will annually notify the student's parents, guardians, or custodians as well as School staff of schedule of pesticide use on school property and their right to request notification. Such notification will be made, to the extent possible, at least 96 hours in advance of non scheduled pesticide use on school property. Should a pest emergency require immediate action, every effort will be made to provide notification in a timely manner.

Notification requirements under this law do not apply to the application of the following types of pesticide products: antimicrobial cleansers; disinfectants, self-contained baits and crack-and-crevice treatments, and any pesticide product classified by the USEPA as Toxicity Class IV, "relatively nontoxic" (no signal word on product label).

All contracts and contract bids for pest control services will be amended to require that the contractor follow the IPM Program.

The Schoolchildren's Health Act of 2006

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