



Responsible Office: Office of Capital Projects and Facilities Management

BOARD POLICY 7450
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) strives to create healthy and comfortable learning and working environments for students, staff, and the community. It is the intent of the Washoe County School District (“District”) to manage pests in and around schools in a manner that protects human health, maintains the integrity of school buildings and grounds, and preserves the environment. A well-managed pest and weed control program is essential to that goal. Improperly managed pest problems and unnecessary pesticide use impact children’s health and the District’s ability to educate them effectively. This policy was established to promote both the safe use of pesticides and the application of integrated pest management.

DEFINITIONS

1. The term “Integrated Pest Management” (IPM) refers to a strategy for controlling pests and weeds with minimal use of pesticides or herbicides.

POLICY

1. The District is committed to the sustainable management of pests by eliminating access to food, water, and shelter in and around schools and other District facilities.
2. The IPM program has been established with the intent of:
 - a. Reducing health risks to people;
 - b. Minimizing health, environmental and economic risks;
 - c. Reducing loss or damage to school structures or other District property;
 - d. Utilizing methods that are least toxic to species that are not pests;
 - e. Preventing recurrence of a pest infestation and/or the risk of spreading pests within the community; and,
 - f. Utilizing pest management methods that are easy to adopt and implement.
3. The District’s IPM program shall be developed and implemented in accordance with guidance provided under state and federal laws and regulations, to include that of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

4. The District shall utilize lowest possible risk pest and weed control methods with a preference for non-chemical control measures. When reasonable non-chemical approaches do not provide adequate control, products that pose the least risk to people and the environment will be selected, and then only used when and where pests are present, or expected to be present.
5. Sanitation, pest exclusion, and habitat modification are essential to successful long term pest mitigation. Best practice includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Regular cleaning and repair to buildings to prevent pest infestations;
 - b. Keeping facilities and grounds free of trash, debris, and clutter; and
 - c. Managing ornamental plants, turf, and desirable grasses in a manner that limits animal, plant, and microbial pest attraction.
6. Through actively managing the pesticide safety and IPM program, the District seeks to provide appropriate staff with guidance, education, and support on program procedures and processes.
7. The District shall post notification in advance when a pesticide or herbicide is applied on school property. When pesticides or herbicides are used on school property, notice shall be posted on main entrance doors and notification will be sent in advance.
8. The Superintendent shall adopt administrative regulations and procedures designed to implement the provisions of this policy. This may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. The qualifications and training plan for any staff required to apply pesticides or herbicides in any building or property belonging to the district;
 - b. Pest management strategies, including prevention, inspection, communication, bio-pesticide use, and judicious and careful use of pesticides;
 - c. Implementation of appropriate monitoring, prevention, control strategies, and corrective actions when pests or weeds are present;
 - d. Notification procedures to alert potentially impacted individuals, including staff, students, parents/guardians and family members, and other visitors, before any pesticide or herbicide is applied on the property of a school.
 - e. Maintenance of records of pesticides and herbicides used, amounts and locations of treatments, and any Safety Data Sheets, product labels and manufacturer information on ingredients related to the application of pesticides or herbicides.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS & ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

1. This policy reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District
 - a. Board Policy 7400, Conservation and Sustainability
2. This policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), to include:
 - a. Chapter 386, Local Administrative Organization

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
12/10/2019	1.0	Adopted: required (AB205 – 2019)