

Sayre Area School District Integrated Pest Management Plan

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Identification and Description of School Pest Problems:

- The pest problems most frequently encountered are mice, ants, box elder bugs, and bees in and around buildings, play structures, and bleachers. Weeds and undesirable grasses are controlled on athletic fields, fenced areas, and shrub beds.
- Instances of termite and rodent problems, although rare, have been addressed on occasion.
- Buildings are monitored for additional potential pest problems, especially in kitchen areas, regularly.

Control Measures:

- To minimize the attraction of insect and animal pests in buildings, an effective IPM plan discourages all food and drink in all areas not designated for this purpose. Food should be limited to cafeterias, break rooms, and FCS areas as much as possible.
- Food storage areas should be kept clean, food containers kept off of floors, and pest entry areas sealed and caulked.
- Exterior windows, building areas prevalent to bees and playground equipment should be kept clean and monitored for nesting.
- Minor rodent activity can be controlled by the use of baited traps.
- Weeds in shrub beds can be minimized by the use of weed barrier fabric and mulching in concert with periodic hand weeding.

Pesticide Applications:

- In the event that a pest problem persists, the “Pest Sighting Log” sheet action guidelines will be followed, entering the required information and forwarding the sighting sheet to the supervisor of building and grounds.
- No pesticide shall be applied except under the direct supervision of a certified pesticide applicator.
- All pesticide applications must be preceded by a 72-hour notification to building staff, the posting of an application information sign on the building main entry and a common area adjacent to the affected area. Parents/guardians requesting notification will also receive a 72-hour notification.
- No student may enter the pesticide application area for normal academic instruction or organized extracurricular activity for seven hours following application.
- Posted signs shall remain for at least two days after application.
- Persons on the Hypersensitivity Registry are to be notified by phone followed by a registered letter.

Exceptions:

- Students may not be present in an untreated portion of the building unless the area being treated has a separate ventilation system and is separated by smoke or fire doors.
- Bait discs or gel baits in cracks not accessible to students may be placed by certified applicators without notification.
- Disinfectant and anti-microbial products and swimming pool disinfectants are exempt.
- Emergency applications can be made without prior posting for stinging hazards. Notification follow-up is required.

Record Keeping:

- A log book will be kept in each building.
- A copy of the pest sighting reports, and pesticide applications will be kept in the log for each sighting.
- The school IPM program must be evaluated by the IPM Committee and the pest control provider annually.
- A monthly meeting by the IPM coordinator and the pest control operator is required.
- Records must be kept for three years.