

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: INTEGRATED PEST
MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED: December 8, 1997

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<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">705.1. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Structural and landscape pests can pose significant problems to people, property, and the environment. It is therefore the policy of the Northern Lehigh School District to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for control of structural and landscape pests.</p> <p>Pests are populations of living organisms (animals or microorganisms) that interfere with use of the school site for human purposes. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by the pest species and whether that species poses a threat to people, property, or the environment.</p> <p><u>Management</u></p> <p>Approved pest management plans should be developed for the site and should include any proposed pest management measures. This will hopefully enhance the quality of life for students, staff, and others.</p> <p><u>Integrated Pest Management Procedures</u></p> <p>IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural, or biological means. IPM practitioners depend on current, comprehensive information on the pest and its environment and the best available pest control methods. Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.</p> <p>The choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not acceptable or are not feasible. Review and determination will occur when the professional outside contractor submits or renders his recommendation to the school. Adequate justification for use of chemical control agents, and selected non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible to provide the desired control. It is the</p>
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policy of the Northern Lehigh School District to utilize IPM principles to manage pest populations adequately. The full range of alternatives, including no action, will be considered.

When it is determined that a pesticide must be used in order to meet important management goals, the least hazardous material will be chosen. The application of pesticides is subject to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (7 United States Code 136 et seq.), Northern Lehigh School District policies and procedures, Environmental Protection Agency regulations in 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, and state and local regulations.

Education

Staff, students, pest managers, and the public will be educated about potential school pest problems and the IPM policies and procedures to be used to achieve the desired pest management objectives.

Pesticide Applicators

Professional contracted pesticide applicators must be educated and trained in the principles and practices of IPM and the use of pesticides approved by the Northern Lehigh School District, and they must follow regulations and label precautions. Applicators should be certified and comply with the Northern Lehigh School District's IPM policy and Pest Management Plan.