

1 Noxious Plant and Animal Control

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3 Each school and school site shall be maintained free of harborage for insects, rodents, and other
4 pests. Extermination methods and other measures to control pests shall conform with the
5 requirements of the DPHHS or the local health authority.

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7 All areas shall be maintained free of accumulation of debris or standing water which may
8 provide harborage for pests.

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10 Storage areas shall be maintained so as to prevent pest harborage. Lumber, pipe, and other
11 building materials shall be stored neatly.

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13 The growth of brush, weeds, and grass shall be controlled to prevent harborage of pests. School
14 grounds shall be maintained to prevent the growth of noxious weeds considered detrimental to
15 health.

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17 Integrated Pest Management Plan

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19 The District has developed and implemented an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program.
20 Students, parents, and staff shall be notified when chemicals for IPM are going to be used. The
21 school IPM shall include strategies to prevent the spread of pests.

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23 The facility manager, superintendent, or other staff approved by the superintendent shall,
24 whenever practical, ensure the use of nonchemical methods to control pests, including proper
25 sanitation practices, structural repair, and window screens.

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27 Pesticide Application Notification

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29 Except as otherwise provided in this policy, the District shall notify parents or guardians of
30 students of the application of a pesticide to an area of the school that is used by or is accessible to
31 students at least 24 hours before the application. The notification shall state the following:

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33 (a) A description of the area where the pesticide will be applied;
34 (b) The date and approximate time of application;
35 (c) The common or brand name of each pesticide to be used;
36 (d) The targeted pests to be controlled by the pesticide;
37 (e) Each active ingredient in the pesticide;
38 (f) The EPA registration number;
39 (g) The telephone contact number, if any, on the label of the pesticide for additional
40 information about each pesticide; and
41 (h) A contact name and telephone number at the school.
42 (i) If the application will be outdoors, the notification shall also include three dates in
43 chronological order in case the preceding date is canceled due to weather.
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1 During the school year, the notification required by this policy shall be made by individual notice
2 delivered by phone, face-to-face oral communication, electronic mail, postal mail, or facsimile.
3 The Board of Trustees authorizes the superintendent or other staff approved by the
4 superintendent to develop a registration system to provide this notification only to those parents
5 who wish to receive the notification. The registration shall provide written notice to the parents
6 or guardians of the student at the beginning of the school year, or upon a child's enrollment, that
7 pesticides may be used in or around the school. The administrator shall develop methods to
8 permit each parent or guardian how to register to be notified at least 24 hours before a pesticide
9 treatment.

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11 If pesticides are used outside the school year and the school is open or to be accessible by the
12 public, the notification required shall be prominently posted in a conspicuous location on the
13 school premises at least 24 hours before the pesticide application is scheduled to occur.

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15 Immediately before starting the application of a pesticide, the certified applicator shall post in the
16 area of the school where the pesticide is to be applied a sign 8.5x11-inch in size or greater. Fonts
17 shall be no smaller than 26 point (one-fourth inch). The administrator shall ensure the sign
18 remains posted and students are kept out of the treated area until the reentry interval on the label,
19 if any, has expired, or, if the label does not specify a reentry interval, for at least 24 hours.

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21 Emergency Pesticide Application

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23 The superintendent or other staff approved by the superintendent may authorize an immediate
24 pesticide treatment without prior notification if the superintendent determines an emergency
25 exists. An emergency includes an immediate and unanticipated threat to the health and safety of
26 the individuals at the school. If a school administrator authorizes an emergency pesticide
27 application, all the information that is required in a notice under this policy shall be included in
28 the record maintained as required by this policy.

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30 Exceptions to the Notice Requirements

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32 The following pesticide applications are not subject to the notification or posting requirements of
33 this rule:

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35 (a) Applications of antimicrobial pesticides;
36 (b) An application where the school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hour period
37 following the application of the pesticide;
38 (c) Applications of rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations or in areas inaccessible
39 to students; and
40 (d) Applications of silica gels and other ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels that will be
41 used in areas inaccessible to students.

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43 Record Keeping

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1 The superintendent or other staff approved by the superintendent shall keep records of pesticide
2 applications subject to the notification and posting requirements of this rule. Records shall
3 include:

- 4 (a) A copy of each notice issues;
- 5 (b) The date of application;
- 6 (c) The name and employer of the individual who applied the pesticide, including the
7 individual's certification number;
- 8 (d) The rate of application;
- 9 (e) The concentration of the pesticide applied; and
- 10 (f) The total amount of pesticide used.

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12 Records shall be kept for at least five years and shall be made available to the local health
13 authority, DPHHS, or the public for review upon request.

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17 10.55.701(s), ARM Board of Trustees

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