

## INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the coordinated use of physical, biological and cultural controls and least toxic pest control products and techniques to prevent unacceptable levels of pest control products and techniques to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

IPM involves the monitoring of pest populations, establishment of injury levels, modification of habitats (to eliminate sources of food, water, harborage and entry), utilization of least-toxic controls, keeping of records and evaluation of performance on an ongoing basis.

The Pest Management Plan will be reviewed and updated in January by the Building and Grounds Committee and maintained in the office of the Building and Grounds Supervisor.

This plan has been developed to ensure the health and safety of students, teachers, staff, administration and all others using the West Salem School district's building and grounds, while at the same time controlling pest populations in an effective and environmentally sound manner.

This plan will rely on sanitation, habitat modifications, monitoring and the use of non-toxic and least toxic products and techniques to control pests, rather than the use of potentially dangerous chemical pesticides.

This plan recognizes that Integrated Pest Management is a collaborative effort involving the administration, teachers, students, facilities staff and pest control operators, among others, and that the gathering and sharing of information is critical to ensuring the success of this IPM initiative.

The District Buildings and Grounds Supervisor shall have overall responsibility for pest management in the district and for implementing board policy and district procedures. Any application will be performed by certified personnel and/or vendors.

Structural pests that commonly inhabit or invade school buildings include cockroaches, ants, rodents and stinging insects. Specific IPM monitoring and control products and techniques have been developed for each type of pest, and should be utilized.

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