

## PESTICIDES AND PEST MANAGEMENT

It is the goal of the Peru Central Board of Education to maintain the integrity of school buildings and grounds, protect the health and safety of students and staff and maintain a productive learning environment.

The Board recognizes that pests can pose a significant risk to health and property and there may be significant risks inherent in using chemical pesticides in the school environment. Provisions will be made for a least toxic approach to integrated pest management (IPM) for all school buildings and grounds in accordance with the Commissioner's regulations. Integrated pest management is a systematic approach to managing pests focusing on long term prevention or suppression with minimal impact on human health, the environment and non-targeted organisms.

### **Notification of Pesticide Application**

District staff and parents/guardians will be notified of pesticide applications performed at any school facility. A notice will be sent at the beginning of the school year which will include:

1. Notification of periodic pesticide applications throughout school year.
2. The availability of 48-hour prior written notification of pesticide applications to parents and staff who request such notice.
3. Instructions on how to register with the school to receive this prior written notification.
4. The name and number of the school representative who can provide further information.

Cross-ref: 8110, School Building Safety  
8220, Building and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection

Ref: Environmental Conservation Law, Art.33 (Pesticides)  
Education Law § 409-h (Requirements for Notification of Pesticide Applications)  
6 NYCRR Part 325 (Application of Pesticides)  
8 NYCRR 155.4 (Uniform Code of Public School Building Inspections, Safety Rating and Monitoring)  
*Desmond Americana v. Jorling*, 153 AD2d 4 (3rd Dept. 1989)  
*IPM Workbook for New York State Schools*, Cornell Cooperative Extension Community IPM Program with support from New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, August 1998

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