

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Background

The School District must exercise diligence regarding health and safety matters when the use of pesticide is required.

When possible, the School District will use alternatives to the chemical control of pests and weeds. When necessary, chemical application shall be carried out under strict control and in accordance with government rules and regulations.

Procedures

1. The uses of pesticide shall be in compliance with the British Columbia Pesticide Control Act.
2. The Grounds Maintenance Program is established by the Director of Operations in consultation with local authorities.
3. Supervisory staff and grounds employees directly involved in the use and application of pesticides shall be certified in compliance with provincial legislation. An annual license and permits, where applicable, shall be obtained.
4. Where practical, application of pesticides will be performed by a certified contractor who will be accompanied by a School District representative.
5. Affected areas will be posted according to BCPCA guidelines before and after spraying.
6. Grounds employees will remain at herbicide application areas until the material has dried.
7. Pesticide applications shall only be made when school is not in session, i.e. weekends, spring break, and summer vacation.

Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act
Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act
Health Act
Pesticide Control Act
Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

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