

## **Integrated Pest Management**

RSU 40 utilizes Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques in an effort to reduce reliance on pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds. When possible, non-pesticide options will be used to manage pests. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, the least hazardous material and method of application will be chosen and applications will be timed to minimize the impact on staff, students and other users of school facilities.

### **IPM Coordinator**

The Superintendent will appoint an IPM Coordinator who is responsible for developing and implementing RSU 40's IPM plan and procedures, overseeing all pest control matters, ensuring that the schools comply with all public notice requirements concerning pesticide applications, and maintaining required records. The IPM Coordinator must be trained in accordance with state regulations.

The IPM Coordinator for RSU 40 schools may be contacted at (207) 542-2359. This IPM policy and Board of Pesticides Control Rule Chapter 27, "Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Public Schools" is available for inspection and copying at every school.

### **Notice Requirements**

RSU 40 will provide all public notices required by state regulations, including the following:

1. School staff and parents/legal guardians will be notified within two weeks of the start of the school year that RSU 40 has an IPM policy and where it may be reviewed, that pesticides may periodically be applied in schools and on school grounds, how to contact the IPM Coordinator, and that required notices will be provided prior to pesticide applications. The notice will also advise staff and parents/legal guardians where they may review a log of prior pesticide applications, information about the pesticides used, and a copy of the state regulations governing pesticides in schools.
2. When required by state regulations, RSU 40 will provide notification to school staff and parents/legal guardians at least five days in advance of any planned application inside a school building or on school grounds. The notice will state the trade name and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency registration number of the pesticide to be applied, the approximate time, date, location, and reasons for the application; and the name and phone number of IPM Coordinator. When school is not in session, notice will be made by posting signs that conform to state regulations.

3. Whenever pesticide applications not exempted by state regulations are performed in a school building or on school grounds, signs will be posted at each access point to the treated area and in a common area of the school two working days before and for 48 hours after an application.

**Recordkeeping**

The IPM Coordinator will maintain required records of pest surveillance efforts and pesticide applications for two years.

**Plan and Procedures**

The Superintendent/designee will develop an appropriate IPM plan and administrative procedures to implement the requirements of CMR 01-26 Chapter 27 – “Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools”.

Legal References: C.M.R. Chapter 27 – Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools  
7 M.R.S. §§601-625  
22 M.R.S. §§1471-A-X

Cross Reference: Integrated Pest Management Plan/Procedures

*This is a required policy.*

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