

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Introduction:

Pests can be a significant problem for people and property both inside and outside of our schools. IPM is the comprehensive approach that combines effective environmentally sound and socially acceptable methods to prevent and solve pest problems.

Effective pest management should not rely entirely on the application of pesticides but a variety of techniques and devices. Some of these techniques include: sealing cracks and crevices as general maintenance and during renovations, improve drainage of water away from buildings, improve sanitation and removal of food and food products from classrooms.

Chemical pesticides will be applied as needed, not according to schedule. The determination to use pesticides will be based upon inspections and monitoring. When a decision is made to use pesticides, Moore County Schools will use the least toxic pesticide formulation and most targeted application method possible. All pesticides used will meet all State and Federal guidelines.

Moore County Schools shall manage pest activity in a manner that provides students and staff a healthy learning environment with limited exposure to pests and pesticides. This program will also strive to preserve the integrity of the buildings and structures and provide safe playing and athletic fields.

The School Children's Health Act of 2006 and Moore County Schools Board Policy #8810 both require the principal or the principal's designee to annually notify the students' parents, guardians and staff of the scheduled application of pesticide on school property and the right to request notification. Such notification shall be made to the extent possible at least 72 hours in advance of the nonscheduled pesticide use on school property. The notification requirements under this subdivision do not apply to the application of the following types of pesticide products: antimicrobial cleaners, disinfectants, self-contained baits and crack-and-crevice treatments and any pesticide product classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as it belongs to the U.S.E.P.A. Toxicity Class IV, "relatively nontoxic" (no signal word required on product's label).

Campuses including kitchens and cafeterias will be inspected and treated as need using the following monthly schedule:

Week 1:

Pinecrest High School

Aberdeen Elementary School

Aberdeen Primary School

Southern Pines Primary School

Southern Pines Elementary School

Cameron Elementary School

Pinehurst Elementary School

Southern Middle School

Week 2:

Union Pines High School

Crains Creek Middle School

New Century Middle School

Sandhills Farm Life School

Carthage Elementary School

Vass Lakeview School

PA/Food Service

Week 3:

North Moore High School

West End Elementary School

West Pine Elementary School

West Pine Middle School

Robbins Elementary School

High Falls Elementary School

Elise Middle School

Westmoore Elementary School

Week 4:

Administration Building/County Office

This is a tentative schedule that may need to be altered based on requirements or emergency situations.

The IMP Coordinator for the Moore County Public Schools is Clayton Burns. The IPM Coordinator will also help teachers, students, staff members and parents understand what Integrated Pest Management is and how it will be safer for people and the environment. You can contact Clayton Burns through email at jburns@ncmcs.org or at 910-947-2258.