



**Section Six: School District Facilities**

*"Together We Learn"*

**620 –INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)**

**Introduction**

The Board of Education believes that an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program, as recommended by the BC Ministry of Environment, is the most suitable method for maintaining sites in a safe, useable condition for current and future use.

**Policy**

1. The Board authorizes the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to suppress pest populations in a safe, effective, economical and environmentally friendly way.
2. The essential components of the District's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program include:
  - 2.1 identification of any problems through the examination of facilities and grounds conducted by the office of the Director of Operations or designate;
  - 2.2 regular monitoring of all sites (to determine the most appropriate time, method and follow-up necessary);
  - 2.3 determining appropriate action to manage problems identified, including an appropriate combination of:
    - physical or mechanical controls
    - cultural controls
3. Physical or cultural controls are required wherever possible. In situations where this is not possible, a certified pest control expert may be selected to mitigate pest issues. When a pest count indicates that a certified pest control expert is required, principals will be informed of the results and the anticipated dates for treatment of the sites. Principals will then inform their Parent Advisory Councils of the treatment plans.
4. Each year a report shall be provided to the Board on the effective use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), with appropriate recommendations for possible enhancements.

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Related Documents: