

## PEST MANAGEMENT NOTIFICATION

The Sanford School Department uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to the control of insects, rodents, microorganisms, weeds and other pests in school buildings and on school grounds. IPM combines a variety of methods for managing pests including monitoring, improved sanitation and food storage objective of the IPM program is to provide effective pest control while minimizing pesticide use.

### **Pesticides**

Non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible. However, sometimes pesticide use may be necessary to control a pest problem. When that happens, the school will use the least hazardous effective pesticide feasible.

### **Notification**

When school is in session, the school department shall provide notification of each application not exempted by rule, whether inside a school building or on school grounds, to all school staff and parents/guardians of students. Such notices shall state, at a minimum:

- The trade name and EPA registration number of the pesticide to be applied;
- The approximate date and time of the application;
- The location of the application;
- The reasons for the application; and
- The name and phone number of person to who further inquiry regarding the application may be made.

Notices must be provided at least five days prior to the planned application. In addition, signage will be posted at each point of access to the treated area and in a common area of the school at least two working days prior to the application and for at least 48 hours following the application.

When school is not in session, signage will be posted at each point of access to the treated area and in a common area of the school at least two working days prior to the application and for at least 48 hours following the application.

In accordance with the Maine Board of Pesticides Rule Chapter 27, school is considered to be in session during the school year including weekends. School is not considered to be in session during any vacation of at least one week.

The IPM Coordinator for the Sanford School Department is Jason Dudley who may be contacted at 324-5722. 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.

Legal Reference: 7 MRSA §§ 601-625  
22 MRSA §§ 1471-A-1471-X  
Ch. 27 Me. Dept. of Agriculture Board of Pesticides Control  
Rules (Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public  
Notification in Schools)

Cross Reference: EBAA - Chemical Hazards

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