

**PEST CONTROL****Category:** Health and Safety**Effective:** August 2013**Policy Statement**

The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe, low risk approach to control pests while protecting people, the environment and property; as well as focusing on long-term prevention.

Anglophone West School District recognizes that pests must be controlled to protect the health and safety of students and staff, maintain a productive learning environment and safeguard the integrity of the school buildings and grounds.

It is the goal of the School District to continue to give non-chemical, cost effective methods first consideration when selecting pest control techniques and, over time, to work towards the elimination of chemical controls.

Definitions

A pesticide is defined as any substance or mixture of substances intended for destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest. (eg. Insecticide, Herbicide, Fungicide)

Pest means any injurious, noxious or troublesome plant or animal life other than plant or animal life on or in human and includes any injurious, noxious or troublesome organic function of a plant or animal.

Contractor means an individual holding a Provincial Pesticide Application Certificate authorizing the holder to apply or otherwise handle pesticides.

Pest Management Team is comprised of three members: District Facilities Manager, District Environmental Health and Safety Officer and one member from the District Education Council. The mandate of the Pest Management Team will be to approve products utilized by the District to control or eliminate pests within the spirit and intent of this policy.

Approved Products List is a list of products that may be used by contractors to control or eliminate pests. Items are placed on this list following the Pest Management Team's review of contents, precautions and low risk methods of usage. This list is held by the Facilities Manager.

Procedures

1. The Principal or designate, or the School Health and Safety representative will notify the District's Environmental /Health and Safety Officer who will assess the pest problem to determine if pest control measures are needed.

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2. School staff should not under any circumstances attempt to control pest problems by applying domestic products.
3. If pest control measures are needed, a contractor will be hired to make a professional assessment and recommendation to the Facilities Manager on the pest control technique required. Approval must be given to the contractor to proceed with an application of either a non-chemical or chemical control method.
4. If a non-chemical method is not an adequate pest control technique, only a product from the Approved Products List will be approved by the Facilities Manager.
5. In the event that the approved products list does not contain an appropriate product to control/eliminate the pest, the Pest Management Team will be reconvened to evaluate and approve the use of a recommended product.
6. Where an application of a pesticide is approved for use in the school facility, the school will be notified in advance along with the Superintendent and Department of Health of such intended application by the Facilities Manager. The school will be required to notify parents, students and staff before any application takes place. Individuals with pre-existing medical conditions may wish to be relocated within the school or opt not to attend school for a period of time. (See Appendix A).
7. Where possible, an application will take place only on Friday evenings, Saturday mornings or holidays.
8. Warning signs will be posted in all facilities, where pesticides will be and have been applied, for a period that is double the recommended industry standard.
9. The contractor will be required to follow up immediately on the outcome of the application to the Facilities Manager.
10. School District personnel shall conduct a Health and Safety inspection of the facility before students and staff return.

Reference

- New Brunswick [Pesticides Control Act](#)
- NB Regulation 96-126
- [Pest Control Products Act](#)
- Approved Products List