



WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

The West Chester Area School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use pesticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to manage a pest problem. A pesticide will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When a pesticide is necessary, the school will use the least toxic product(s) possible. Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas seventy-two (72) hours prior to application and for at least forty-eight (48) hours following the application.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. This notification will include the name, address, and telephone number of the applicator providing the treatment, day of treatment and the pesticide being applied. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. Please complete and return the attached form.

If a pesticide application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Emergency applications of EPA registered pesticides will be done on a Friday evening after occupants leave the building. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids.

Notification requests will be valid for the current school year and must be renewed each year.

If you have any questions, please contact the IPM Coordinator's office at 484-266-1252

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PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION REQUEST

Mail to West Chester Area School District, Facilities and Operations Center, IPM Coordinator, 1181 McDermott Drive, West Chester, PA 19380

_____		_____		
Student Name		Parent/Guardian Name		
_____		_____		
Street Address		City	State	Zip
_____		_____		
Home Phone Number		E-mail Address (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)		
_____		_____		
School Building		Grade Level	Date	

We request notification of any and all pesticide applications for the current school year.

Signature