

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #53
Burnham – Detroit – Pittsfield**

Pest Management in School Facilities and on School Grounds

The MSAD #53's School Board recognizes that structural and landscape pests can pose significant problems for people and school unit property, but that use of some pesticides may also pose health and safety risks to people, property, and the environment. It is therefore the policy of MSAD #53 to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles and procedures for the control of structural and landscape pests.

For the purpose of this policy, "pests" are populations of living organisms (animals, plants or microorganisms) that interfere with the use of school facilities and grounds. "Pesticide" is defined as any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pests and any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant.

The objective of MSAD #53's IPM program is to provide effective pest control while minimizing pesticide use. Non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible to provide the desired control. The goals of the IPM program include managing pests to reduce any potential hazards to human health, preventing loss or damage to school structures or property, preventing pests from spreading beyond the site of infestation to other school property, and enhancing the quality of life for students, staff and others. These goals will be addressed by the establishment of a Pest Management Plan. The Superintendent will designate an IPM coordinator who will coordinate school district services in regard to Pest Management School Facilities and on School Grounds. The coordinator will be responsible for the implementation of a Pest Management Plan.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop and implement any administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations.

Legal References: 7 MRSA § 604(25)
 22 MRSA §§ 1471-A - 1471-X

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