

Pest Control Policy
Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Thomaston Board of Education has adopted an integrated pest management (IPM) policy for pest control within the building(s) and on the grounds of Black Rock School, Thomaston Center School and Thomaston High School. IPM utilizes all available pest control methods such as sanitation, structural maintenance and exclusion, maintaining proper soil pH, fertility and moisture, trapping and/or biological controls along with the judicious use of pesticides to maintain pest populations at or below an acceptable level. Pesticides may be applied if a pest population has been identified through periodic monitoring, and alternative methods of control have not been effective. The least toxic pesticide would be used first.

Pesticide applications will not be performed within any building or on the grounds of the schools during regular school hours or during planned activities unless an emergency application is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health. When this occurs, all children and staff will be removed from the area and not allowed to return until it is safe to do so according to the pesticide label.

Enclosed is a summary of the written IPM plan(s) that has been implemented at the school.

Parents, guardians and staff who would like to be notified of pesticide applications may register with the school by contacting the building principal at the school.

Registrants will be notified of pesticide applications on or before the date of the application by memo. Notification will include (1) the name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied, (2) the location of the application on school property, (3) the date of the application, and (4) the name of the school administrator or a designee who may be contracted for further information.

Registrants will be notified of any emergency pesticide applications that are made to eliminate an immediate threat to human health by memo.

Notice will be sent to any person who registers to be notified if there is any revision or modification to the integrated pest management (IPM) plan.