

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Hazardous Material in Schools

Pesticide Application

In conformity with all applicable statutes, the intent of this policy is to ensure that staff, students, and parents/guardians receive adequate advance notice of pesticide applications in school buildings or on school grounds. Further the District will only employ certified pesticide applicators for any non-emergency pesticide use in the school buildings or grounds. However, someone other than a certified pesticide applicator may apply a pesticide in an emergency to eliminate an immediate human health threat when (1) it is impractical to obtain the services of a certified pesticide applicator and (2) a restricted use pesticide is not used

A “**pesticide**” is defined as a fungicide used on plants, an insecticide, a herbicide, or a rodenticide but does **not** mean a sanitizer, disinfectant, antimicrobial agent or pesticide bait.

“**Integrated pest management**” is defined as the use of all available pest control measures, including the judicious use of pesticides when warranted to maintain a pest population at or below an acceptable level while decreasing the unnecessary use of pesticides.

A “**lawn care pesticide**” is defined as pesticide registered by the EPA and labeled according to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act for lawn, garden and ornamental use.

The Board is committed to minimizing the use of pesticides. Therefore, the primary practice of pest control shall involve reducing/eliminating the conditions necessary for pest survival. These measures include but are not limited to good housekeeping and routine, prompt maintenance of buildings and grounds.

The application of lawn care pesticides on the grounds of schools with students in grade eight or lower must be according to an integrated pest management plan (IPM). Such application is prohibited except in emergencies. An emergency application may be made to eliminate a human health threat in any school with students through grade eight as determined by the Superintendent.

As required by state statute, the District shall:

- Annually inform parents/guardians and staff of the District’s pest application/management policy and a description of any pesticide applications made during the previous school year.
- Establish a registry of parents/guardians and staff who want to receive advance notice of all pesticide use and provide such notice.
- Provide notice of planned pesticide application to students, parents/guardians and employees.
- Make pesticide applications only after regular school hours or planned activities.
- Maintain written records for five years of all pesticide applications.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-231b. Pesticide applications at schools: Authorized applicators. Exception, as amended by PA 09-56

10-231c. Pesticide applications at schools without an integrated pest management plan.

22a-46. Short title: Connecticut Pesticide Control Act.

22a-54. Pesticide applicators, certification, classification, notice, fees, reciprocity; financial responsibility; aircraft, tree, public employee applicators.

22a-58. Records to be kept by distributors and applicators.

23-61a. Definitions. Tree protection examining Board within Department of Consumer Protection. Regulations.

23-61b. Licensing for arboriculture; examination; fees; renewal; suspension, revocation. Nonresidents. Records. Pesticides.

P.A. 09-56 An Act Concerning Pesticide Applications at Child Day Care Centers and Schools

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) 7 U.S. Code 136 et seq.

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THOMASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Thomaston, Connecticut

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Pesticide Management Policy

Date _____

The intent of this policy is to ensure that students, employees, and parents/guardians receive adequate notice, in conformity with applicable statutes, prior to pesticide application in school buildings and on school grounds.

The Thomaston Public Schools will:

- Provide notice of planned pesticide application to students, parents/guardians, and employees in the manner required by law and establish a registry of parents/guardians and staff who want to receive such advance notice.
- Post the areas scheduled to receive pesticide application(s).
- Maintain written records for five years of all pesticide applications.
- Provide continuing instruction to those students who, based upon written medical request, find it necessary to be absent during the period of application.
- Inform parents/guardians and staff of the pesticide management policy.
- Employ only licensed and certified pesticide applicators for any non-emergency pesticide use in school buildings or on school grounds.

During the past school year, the following pesticides were used or applied at the (insert school name):

[insert list]

Please return the form below if you wish to be notified in advance of any planned application of pesticides at your school or on your school grounds.

[insert return address]

Please add my name to the pesticide notification registry.

Name:

Address for non-emergency notifications:

Method to be used for emergency notifications:
(choose only one)

phone:

fax:

e-mail:

other:

PESTICIDE APPLICATION PLAN

Date of planned application: _____ Day of week: _____

(It is recommended for application to occur on a weekend or during a vacation period.)

Which pesticide (s) will be used? (Attach MSDSA if available) _____

(Choose for safety and effectiveness.)

Location/size of area(s) to be treated:

Who will do the pest control? (circle one) Staff Contractor

Name (s) _____

License number (s) _____

Firm (if applicable) _____

For interior treatment:

Does the building have active ventilation that can be left on after the application? _____

If not, who is responsible for opening windows at least six (6) hours before staff and students reenter? _____

For all applications:

Who will post the building or treated grounds with (1) date of application; (2) pesticide used; and (3) when the area can be used again? _____

Will pesticides be stored on school grounds? ____ YES ____ NO

If "YES" where : _____

(Read label carefully!)

Keep all pesticides locked up and away from occupied areas.

Approved by school/district administrator: _____ Date: _____

School nurse _____ informed _____

Other (s) _____ informed _____