

Annual Notifications

Use of Pesticides/Chemicals Policy

It is inappropriate for anyone to bring any cleaning products into schools. The control and monitoring of insects and pests within our schools buildings and grounds is an ongoing task. Safeguarding the children and adults who utilize our school buildings and grounds is the District's primary objective. The District utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program. The policy restricts the use of insecticide applications and requires that only authorized, trained and licensed individuals dispense pesticides on school property. All pesticide applications will adhere to IPM methods where the least amount of product is used. Written authorization by the Director of School Facilities/Operations & Safety is required prior to any action taken. Posting of the affected area and notification to the building occupants/community is required. **Under no circumstances is a District employee, school volunteer or person/organization utilizing District facilities authorized to possess and/or dispense on school grounds or within a school building any type of insecticide/pesticide product.** If you have any questions or concerns regarding IPM activities, please contact the Facilities Office at (516) 441-4040.

Any student, parent or staff/community member may register to receive written notification 48 hours prior to a regulated pesticide application. Individuals may request that their name be added to the school registry at any time during the school year. All interested parties should contact the Facilities Department at (516) 441-4040.

Asbestos Compliance

The District's regular maintenance of the schools includes asbestos inspection in all facilities. In compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we undertake the following: reinspect all spaces every three years for all asbestos-containing building materials; sample previously untested building materials suspected of containing asbestos; maintain a six month surveillance; update our asbestos management plan. Several members of the Districts custodial and maintenance staff are trained and certified in the handling and removal of asbestos-containing material. Their training is updated on a regular basis. The reinspection and updated management plans are available for review in the Main Office of each building and at the Facilities Office.

Emergency Plans/Drills

The school District maintains a District-Wide Comprehensive Safety Plan, and each school building maintains a Building-Level Safety Plan. Each is updated annually. At least once every school year, a test will be conducted in each building of its Emergency Plan in cooperation with Local Emergency Management Officials when possible. Transportation and communication procedures will be included in the test. Parents or guardians will be informed in writing at least one week prior to such a drill. All students and staff receive information about the school's procedures each year.