



Educational Service Center

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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PARENT NOTIFICATION

On January 1, 2003, the Central York School District began using an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Our goal is to protect our students from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building 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 pest activity. Once pest sightings are reported, the situation is evaluated to determine 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 chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals are used, the school will try to use the least toxic products when possible. Applications will be made only when authorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for 48 hours following the application.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in each school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at that school. **To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed in the registry, please notify the district in writing by completing the form below. Indicate your preference for receiving notification in writing, via telephone or e-mail.**

If a chemical 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. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and anti-microbial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel-type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids; and swimming pool maintenance chemicals.

Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry. If you have any questions, please contact Carl (Chip), Mathias, IPM Coordinator, at (717) 846-6789, ext. 2201

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael S. Snell, Superintendent

If you wish to be notified, please indicate your preference for receiving such notification by placing a check mark on the appropriate line beside your address, phone number or email.

Student's Name _____ School Bldg. _____ Grade _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____
_____ Address _____
_____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
_____ E-mail address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Mail this form to: Integrated Pest Management Notification Registration, Attn: Carl (Chip) Mathias, Central York School District, 775 Marion Road, York, PA 17406