

## **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

The Muhlenberg School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. 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 building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. Pest sightings are reported to our buildings, grounds and transportation department, and an evaluation of the “pest problem” determines the appropriate pest management techniques to use 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 control 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 two days following the application.

**Parents or Guardians** of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notifications, you must be placed on the school’s notification registry. **If you would like to be placed on this registry, please complete and return the IPM-2 form below.**

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. Exemptions to the notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial 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.

If you have any questions, please contact our Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Office at **610-921-8000, ext 1240.**

*Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry*

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**Integrated Pest Management Registry Form**

*Please fill in the following information if you request notification of pesticide application:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail/return the completed form to:**  
*Muhlenberg School District Buildings/Grounds/Transportation Department*  
*801 Bellevue Avenue*  
*Laureldale, PA 19605.*