



Integrated Pest Management

Head Start Performance Standards

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Policy

Community Action uses an Integrated Pest Management approach to control the presence of pests in our centers. Integrated Pest Management, also known as IPM, is a process for achieving long-term, environmentally sound pest suppression through a wide variety of tactics. Control strategies in an IPM program include structural and procedural improvements to reduce the food, water, shelter, and access used by pests. We approach pest management by implementing practices that pose the least possible risk to students and staff.

The health and safety of students and staff is our priority and a prerequisite to learning. The Community Action Head Start IPM plan describes the pest management practices for Community Action Head Start and clearly states the pesticide use policies. A copy of the plan will be made available to the public upon request.

Procedure

Staff will receive a brief training by the Health Services Supervisor on pests and pest-conducive conditions. After receiving the IPM training, staff will be expected to report pests or pest-conducive conditions they observe during the normal course of their daily work. Reporting will be done verbally, by e-mail or a facility Help Desk Ticket (please include Health Services Supervisor).

Staff will adhere to pest prevention measures as effectively as possible by ensuring sanitary conditions, removing clutter and reporting any possible pest breeding areas (such as holes in walls, floors or ceilings, or water damage) or reporting indicators of pest presence (such as gnaw marks or droppings).

Head Start staff in public schools will report pests or pest-conducive conditions to the school **and** to the Health Services Supervisor. When Head Start staff are made aware of a pesticide application at a public-school site, staff must contact the Health Services Supervisor to ensure that families at that site are notified in advance. Head Start staff not in public schools will report to the Health Services Supervisor and Facilities Manager.

Any pesticide application on school property must be made by a licensed commercial or public pesticide applicator. At the beginning of each school year, all staff and families will be informed of the procedures for notification and posting of individual applications, including those for pest emergencies through the Family Handbook.

When prevention or management of pests through other measures proves to be ineffective, the use of a low-risk pesticide is permissible. Documentation of these measures is a pre-requisite to the approval of any application of a low-risk pesticide. This documentation will remain on file with the Health Services Supervisor

Non-emergency pesticide applications may occur in or around a school before or after school is in session. If the labeling of a pesticide product specifies a reentry time, a pesticide may not be applied to an area of campus where the school expects students to be present before expiration of that reentry time.

The Health Services Supervisor will give written notice of a proposed pesticide application via the method most likely to reach the intended recipients. For self-transport classrooms, signs will be posted on

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classroom doors. For classes with bus transportation, a written notice will be sent home to parents at least 24 hours before the application occurs. The notice must identify the name, trademark or type of pesticide product, the EPA registration number of the product, the expected area of the application, the expected date of application, and the reason for the application.

Additional resources

For additional information regarding pesticides and/or Head Start's IPM Plan, Head Start staff and parents can contact the Head Start IPM Coordinator (Health Services Supervisor).

The National Pesticide Information Center (<http://npic.orst.edu/>) can also be contacted at 1.800.858.7378 or npic@ace.orst.edu