

CHESTER COUNTY  
 INTERMEDIATE  
 UNIT 24

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: INTEGRATED PEST  
 MANAGEMENT

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716. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	
1. Purpose	The Intermediate Unit shall utilize integrated pest management procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.
2. Definitions	<p><b>Integrated Pest Management (IPM)</b> is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information to design and implement pest control methods that are economically, environmentally and socially sound. IPM promotes prevention over remediation and advocates integration of at least two (2) or more strategies to achieve long-term solutions.</p> <p><b>Integrated Pest Management Plan</b> is a plan that establishes a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health and environmental risks.</p>
SC 772.1  3. Authority 3 P.S. Sec. 111.21 et seq Title 7 Sec. 128.1 et seq	<p>The Board establishes that the Intermediate Unit shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs.</p>
SC 772.1 Title 7 Sec. 128.1 et seq	The Board shall adopt an Integrated Pest Management Plan for Intermediate Unit buildings and grounds that complies with policies and regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Executive Director shall appoint an IPM Coordinator who shall be responsible to develop and implement the integrated pest management plan and coordinate communications between the Intermediate Unit and the approved contractor.
SC 772.2	The Executive Director or designee shall be responsible to annually notify parents/guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in Intermediate Unit buildings and on its grounds.

<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>Appropriate personnel involved in making decisions relative to pest management shall participate in update training.</p> <p>Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and site appropriate pesticides.</p> <p>An integrated pest management decision shall consist of the following five (5) steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify pest species.</li> <li>2. Estimate pest populations and compare to established action thresholds.</li> <li>3. Select the appropriate management tactics based on current on-site information.</li> <li>4. Assess effectiveness of pest management.</li> <li>5. Keep appropriate records.</li> </ol> <p>SC 772.2</p> <p>When pesticide applications are scheduled in Intermediate Unit buildings and on its grounds, the Intermediate Unit shall provide notification in accordance with law, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Posting a pest control sign in an appropriate area.</li> <li>2. Providing the pest control information sheet to all individuals working in the building.</li> <li>3. Providing required notice to all parents/guardians of students or to a list of parents/guardians who have requested notification of individual applications of pesticides.</li> </ol> <p>SC 772.2</p> <p>Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the Intermediate Unit may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any parent/guardian who has requested such notification.</p> <p>SC 772.2</p> <p>The Intermediate Unit shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the Intermediate Unit's administrative office.</p>
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 772.1, 772.2

State Department of Agriculture Regulations – 7 PA Code Sec. 128.1 et seq.

Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act – 3 P.S. Sec. 111.21 et seq.

Pesticide Control – 7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 et seq.