

**PEST MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOL FACILITIES
AND ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

The School Board recognizes that structural and landscape pests can pose significant problems for people and school unit property, but that use of some pesticides may also pose health and safety risks to people, property and the environment. It is therefore the policy of the Brunswick School Department to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles and procedures for the control of structural and landscape pests.

For the purpose of this policy, "pests" are populations of living organisms (animals, plants or microorganisms) that interfere with use of school facilities and grounds. "Pesticide" is defined as any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pests and any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant.

The objective of the school department's IPM program is to provide effective pest control while minimizing pesticide use. The goals of the IPM program include managing pests to reduce any potential hazards to human health, preventing loss or damage to school structures or property, preventing pests from spreading beyond the site of infestation to other school property, and enhancing the quality of life for students, staff and others. These goals will be addressed through regulation developed by the Superintendent and/or designee for a school department pest management plan.

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