



North Stonington Public Schools

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To Parents & Guardians:

Attached is a copy of the North Stonington Board of Education's Policy Number 3524.1 on Pest Control. It is furnished for your information as required by the policy and state statute. Please read it carefully.

Also, in accordance with Board of Education Policy Number 3524.1, notification is given as to the use of the following pesticides during the 2016-2017 school year and in the locations indicated:

"Advion Ant Gel" Middle/High School kitchen and storage area
"Temprid SC" Elementary kitchen and storage area
Elementary rooms 111 and 113
Middle School room 113
Elementary, Middle School, and High School faculty lounges
Entrance doorway areas in all buildings

"Termidor SC" Elementary school tunnel & outside building perimeter (summer-time inspection); Middle School Wing 100 through 108 (summer-time application)

In a separate matter, Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (40 CFR 763.93(g)(4)) requires that written notice be given that the following schools have Management Plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. The Management Plans are available and accessible to the public at the administrative office of each facility listed below.

<u>School</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
North Stonington Elementary School	311 Norwich-Westerly Road	860-535-2805
Wheeler Middle/High School	298 Norwich-Westerly Road	860-535-0377
North Stonington Central Office	297 Norwich-Westerly Road	860-535-2800

Sincerely,

Peter L. Nero
Superintendent of Schools

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Hazardous Material in Schools

Pest Management /Pesticide Application

The Board of Education believes that structural and landscape pests can pose significant hazards to people, property and the environment. Pests are living organisms such as plants, animals or microorganisms that interfere with human uses for the school site. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by the pest species and the degree to which that population poses a threat to people, property or the environment. Further, the Board also believes that pesticides can also pose hazards to people, property and the environment. The intent of this policy is to ensure the health and safety of students, teachers, staff and all others using district buildings and grounds.

The goal of this pest management program is to manage pests in order to:

- Reduce any potential human health hazard and/or to protect against a significant threat to public safety;
- Prevent loss or damage to school structures or property;
- Prevent pests from spreading in the community or to plant and animal populations beyond the site;
- Enhance the quality of life and to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students, staff and others.

The school district shall incorporate Integrated Pest Management procedures (IPM) to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment. In addition, staff, students and the public shall be educated, at least annually, about potential school pest problems and the IPM policies and procedures to be used to achieve the desired pest management objectives. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information with available pest control methods to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means with the least possible hazard.

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Pest Management /Pesticide Application (continued)

IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural or biological means. Chemical controls shall be used as a last resort. The Board establishes that the school district shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, including no action, based upon an analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible to implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures and to coordinate communications with members of the staff who are responsible for pest control, such as maintenance personnel and custodians, and hired contractors when utilized by the district to control a pest problem. *The Maintenance Supervisor/Head Custodian shall be designated as the IPM supervisor and shall direct and supervise all IPM procedures to be carried out by assigned maintenance and/or custodial staff.*

All district employees who use chemicals to control a pest problem must be trained and shall follow all precautions and application regulations. The District will only employ certified pesticide applicators for any necessary and non-emergency pesticide use in school building or on school grounds. Contractors hired to do this work shall give evidence of appropriate training and certification in the proper use of pesticides. Pest control contractors shall be utilized, when deemed necessary, to inspect for conditions conducive to pest problems and to develop appropriate prevention measures. Pest control contractors will be expected to write recommendations for structural improvements or repairs and housekeeping and sanitation measures required to reduce or prevent recurrence of pest problems.

Whenever it is deemed necessary to use a chemical substance that school must provide notification to all parents and staff who have registered for advanced notification in conformity with state statutes. Parents/guardians and staff requesting advanced notification must be notified on the day of such use by any method practicable. Notices shall also be posted in designated areas at school at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the application.

At the beginning of each school year and at the time a student is registered, parents/guardians shall be informed of the District's pest management policy. Those parents/guardians and staff who register a request shall be notified prior to every pesticide application.

Information regarding pesticides used and areas treated shall be maintained for a period of five years at the school site and available to the public and staff upon request. The district shall establish and maintain accurate records of all chemical use and their location. In addition, records of all pest control actions including information on indicators of pest activity that can verify the need for action.

Pesticide applications shall be limited to non-school hours and when activities are not taking place.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 22a-46. Short title: Connecticut Pesticide Control Act.
 22a-54. Pesticide applicators, certification, classification, notice, fees, reciprocity; financial responsibility; aircraft, tree, public employee applicators.
 22a-58. Records to be kept by distributors and applicators.
 23-61b. Licensing for arboriculture; examination; fees; renewal; suspension, revocation. Nonresidents. Records. Pesticides.
 P.A. 99-165 An Act Concerning Notice of Pesticide Application in Schools and Day Care Centers.
 Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) 7 U.S. Code 136 et seq.