

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The Lampeter-Strasburg School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents, and weeds. The IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. Pest sightings are reported to the District IPM Coordinator, who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the issue. 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 manage a pest problem. Chemicals, in the least toxic product available, will only be used when necessary and will not be routinely applied. Most applications will be made only when unauthorized 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 application. If pests pose an immediate threat to health and safety, emergency applications may be authorized without 72-hour advance notice.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the Lampeter-Strasburg School District may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made within the District. To receive notification, interested persons must be placed on the District's notification registry on an annual basis. Parents or guardians of students wishing to be placed on the registry should submit a request in writing prior to each school year including name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address to:

Buildings and Grounds Director, Lampeter-Strasburg School District, 1600 Book Road, P.O. Box 428, Lampeter, PA 17537.