

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)

IPM is a comprehensive approach that combines effective, economic, environmentally sound, and socially acceptable methods to prevent and solve pest problems. IPM emphasizes pest prevention and provides a decision-making process for determining if, when and where pest suppression is needed and what control tactics are appropriate.

The Scotland County Schools IPM program will strive to do the following:

- Minimize any potential health, environmental and economic risks from pests or from the use of pest control methods;
- Minimize loss or damage to school structures or property from pests or from the use of pest control methods;
- Minimize the risk of pests spreading into the community;
- Enhance the quality of facility use for the school and community.

Pesticides will not be used based solely on a schedule, but only as needed to achieve the pest management goals.

USE OF IPM IN FACILITY AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

The Scotland County School district shall include pest management considerations in facilities planning, design, and maintenance. The IPM contact person, in conjunction with the school district's contracted pest management professional will recommend to the Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services any landscaping, structural modifications, and sanitation changes needed to reduce or prevent pest problems. The Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services will review such recommendations and may authorize action to address necessary minor changes in a timely manner, as the budget permits. For significant changes or changes that require a significant expenditure of funds, the Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services will recommend changes to the board for approval.

PROVIDING INFORMATION ON IPM TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Staff, students, pest managers, parents and the public will be informed about potential school pest problems, school IPM policies and procedures, and their respective roles in achieving the desired pest management objectives.

RECORDKEEPING

Records of all pest management activities shall be maintained, including inspection records, monitoring records, pest surveillance data sheets or other indicators of pest populations, and a record of structural repairs and modifications. If pesticides are used, records shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency and school board.