

**MONTGOMERY
COUNTY
INTERMEDIATE
UNIT #23**

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>“Integrated Pest Management” (IPM) 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>“Integrated Pest Management Plan” 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	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.
SC 772.1 Title 7 Sec. 128.1 et seq	<p>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.</p> <p>The Board authorizes the Executive Director to designate an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator who shall be responsible to ensure that the Intermediate Unit complies with all provisions of Board policy and applicable law and regulations.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The IPM Coordinator shall be responsible to implement the Integrated Pest Management Plan and coordinate communications between the Intermediate Unit and the approved contractor.
SC 772.2	The IPM Coordinator 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.

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<p>SC 772.2</p>	<p>The IPM Coordinator 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> <p>Appropriate personnel involved in making decisions relevant to pest management shall participate in update training.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</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">1. Identify pest species.2. Estimate pest populations and compare to established action thresholds.3. Select the appropriate management tactics based on current on-site information.4. Assess effectiveness of pest management.5. Keep appropriate records.
<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">1. Posting a pest control sign in an appropriate area.2. Providing the pest control information sheet to all individuals working in Intermediate Unit owned facilities.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.
<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>

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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 of 1973– 3 P.S. Sec. 111.21 et seq.

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