

School District #62 (Sooke)

PEST MANAGEMENT	No.: F-228
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SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes that it has a responsibility for the health and safety of students, employees and users of school sites. Additionally, there is a concomitant responsibility to control rodents, insect infestations and noxious weeds on school property.

School District #62 (Sooke) shall use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods in the operation and maintenance of its facilities. An IPM approach is the best combination of cultural, biological, and genetic methods for the most effective control of pests.

Alternative measures will be fully explored before consideration is given to the use of pesticides, herbicides or insecticides.

The Board recognizes that under an IPM program there may be extenuating circumstances when it is necessary to use chemicals to control pest populations. This will be done in accordance with all applicable environmental Acts and regulations of the Province of British Columbia.

The following is a list of products that will not be used on School District property:

- Paraquat and Simazine (Agent Orange)
- Diazinon
- Carbaryl
- Neonicotinoid
- Fungicide
- Molluscicide
- Avicide
- Nematicide
- Plant growth regulators
- Glyphosates