



**Responsible Office:** Office of Capital Projects and Facilities Management

**BOARD POLICY 7450**  
**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**

**PURPOSE**

The Board of Trustees (Board) strives to create healthy and comfortable learning and working environments for students, employees, and the community. It is the intent of the Washoe County School District (District) to manage pests in and around schools in a manner that protects human health, maintains the integrity of school buildings and grounds, and preserves the environment. This Board Policy establishes an integrated pest management for the District.

**DEFINITIONS**

1. "Integrated Pest Management" (IPM) refers to a strategy for controlling pests and weeds with minimal use of pesticides or herbicides.

**POLICY**

1. The District is committed to the sustainable management of pests by eliminating access to food, water, and shelter in and around schools and other District facilities.
2. The IPM program has been established with the intent of:
  - a. Reducing health risks to people;
  - b. Minimizing health, environmental and economic risks;
  - c. Reducing loss or damage to school structures or other District property;
  - d. Utilizing methods that are least toxic to species that are not pests;
  - e. Preventing recurrence of a pest infestation and/or the risk of spreading pests within the community; and
  - f. Utilizing pest management methods that are easy to adopt and implement.
3. The District's IPM program shall be developed and implemented in accordance with guidance provided under state and federal laws and regulations, to include that of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

4. The District shall utilize lowest possible risk pest and weed control methods with a preference for non-chemical control measures. When reasonable non-chemical approaches do not provide adequate control, products that pose the least risk to people and the environment will be selected, and then only used when and where pests are present or expected to be present.
5. Sanitation, pest exclusion, and habitat modification are essential to successful long term pest mitigation. Best practice includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. Regular cleaning and repair to buildings to prevent pest infestations;
  - b. Keeping facilities and grounds free of trash, debris, and clutter; and
  - c. Managing ornamental plants, turf, and desirable grasses in a manner that limits animal, plant, and microbial pest attraction.
6. Through actively managing the pesticide safety and IPM program, the District seeks to provide appropriate employees with guidance, education, and support on program procedures and processes.
7. The District shall post notification in advance when a pesticide or herbicide is applied on school property. When pesticides or herbicides are used on school property, notice shall be posted on main entrance doors and notification will be sent in advance.
8. The Board hereby directs the Superintendent to adopt an Administrative Regulation to implement and maintain the purpose of this Board Policy. The Superintendent shall include in the Administrative Regulation the following provisions:
  - a. The qualifications and training plan for any employee required to apply pesticides or herbicides in any building or property belonging to the district;
  - b. Pest management strategies, including prevention, inspection, communication, bio-pesticide use, and judicious and careful use of pesticides;
  - c. Implementation of appropriate monitoring, prevention, control strategies, and corrective actions when pests or weeds are present;
  - d. Notification procedures to alert potentially impacted individuals, including employees, students, parents/guardians and family members, and other visitors, before any pesticide or herbicide is applied on the property of a school; and

- e. Maintenance of records of pesticides and herbicides used, amounts and locations of treatments, and any Safety Data Sheets, product labels and manufacturer information on ingredients related to the application of pesticides or herbicides.

**LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

- 1. This Board Policy reflects the goals of the District’s Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District, to include:
  - a. Board Policy 7400, Conservation and Sustainability.
- 2. This Board Policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), to include:
  - a. NRS Chapter 386, Local Administrative Organization.

**REVISION HISTORY**

Date	Revision	Modification
12/10/2019	1.0	Adopted: Required (AB205 – 2019)
09/13/2022	2.0	Revised: Deleted unnecessary language