

North Putnam Community School Corporation Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice

The North Putnam Community School Corporation utilizes an integrated pest management (IPM) approach for controlling insects and rodents throughout School Corporation property. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present. Pest sightings are reported to our maintenance staff, who then evaluate the problem and determine the appropriate pest management techniques. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc. If necessary, chemical applications will be made to control severe pest problems.

We strive to only use chemicals (pesticides) when necessary to eliminate a pest problem. The School Corporation will try to use the least toxic products when possible. Every effort will be made to schedule applications when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. These areas will be secured against access as necessary for the period specified and taking into account all precautions found on the pesticide product label.

We will provide notice of specific pesticide use to any school staff, student or parent through a posting on the North Putnam Community School Corporation's web page (www.nputnam.k12.in.us) Notice of "scheduled" pesticide applications will be made not less than two business days prior to the application. Notice of emergency pesticide applications made to control pest problems will be provided as soon as possible after the application. The notice will include the following information:

- The date and approximate time of the application.
- The location of the application.
- The reason or purpose of the application.
- The name of the pesticide application contractor.

If you wish to be notified of pesticide applications, please contact the school secretary in the building(s) you wish to be notified of pesticide applications.