1. Purpose

The Keystone Oaks School District 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.

The Keystone Oaks School District shall integrate IPM Education into the curriculum in accordance with relevant Academic Standards.

2. Definition

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 it advocates the integration of at least two (2) or more strategies to achieve long-term solutions.

3. Authority

The Board establishes that the Keystone Oaks School District shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs.

Title 22
Sec. 4.12
Policy 102

3 P.S.
Sec. 111.21-111.61
7 Pa. Code
Chapter 128
4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to implement integrated pest management procedures and to coordinate communications between the Keystone Oaks School District and the approved contractor.

The Board shall designate an employee to serve as IM Coordinator for the Keystone Oaks School District.

5. Guidelines

Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls and site appropriate pesticides.

An integrated pest management decision shall consist of the following five (5) steps:

1. Pest species identification.
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.

The Keystone Oaks School District shall establish and maintain accurate records of all pest management activities, including pest surveillance, structural repairs and modifications, trapping, baiting and pesticide applications.
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All appropriate personnel involved in making pest management decisions shall take part in update training.

An Integrated Pest Management program shall include the education of staff, students, and the public about IPM policies and procedures.

Information regarding pest management activities, including pesticide use, shall be available to the public at the Keystone Oaks School District administrative offices. Compliance with all local ordinances and codes are required under this policy.