# **School District Integrated Pest Management Plan**

This document meets the Healthy Schools Act requirement for an integrated pest management (IPM) plan. An IPM plan is required if a school district uses pesticides<sup>1</sup>

#### Contacts

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#### **IPM** statement

It is the goal of Paramount Unified School District to implement IPM by focusing on long-term prevention or suppression of pests through accurate pest identification, by frequent monitoring for pest presence, by applying appropriate action levels, and by making the habitat less conducive to pests using sanitation and mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that are effective will be used in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment, and only after other options have been shown ineffective.

Our pest management objectives are to protect the health of the children through long-term pest prevention that minimizes the use of pesticides and is respectful towards the environment.

#### **IPM** team

In addition to the IPM Coordinator, other individuals who are involved in purchasing, making IPM decisions, applying pesticides, and complying with the Healthy Schools Act requirements, include:

Name and/or Title	Role in IPM program		
Sergio Espinoza	Operations staff representative	• 1	
Jose Padilla	Grounds staff representative		
Alicia Castillo	Custodial staff representative		
Julian Solis	Administrative Support		

## Pest management contracting

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X	Pest management services are contracted to a licensed pest control business.	
	Pest Control Business name(s): American City Pest, IPM Tech and Integrated	
	Pest Control	

Prior to entering into a contract, the school district has confirmed that the pest control business understands the training requirement and other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act.

#### Pest identification, monitoring and inspection

Pest Identification is done by: District Operations Staff, American City Pest, IPM Tech and Integrated Pest Control

Monitoring and inspecting for pests and conditions that lead to pest problems are done regularly by Custodians, Operations Staff, Supervisors and results are communicated to the IPM Coordinator.

Specific information about monitoring and inspecting for pests, such as locations, times, or techniques include:

Monthly inspections are performed by Integrated Pest Control in the cafeteria areas of each school. Glue boards and small traps are used to monitor for pest activity in the cafeteria kitchens. School district personnel regularly visually inspect the remaining school areas for other pest activity.

## Pests and non-chemical management practices

This school district has identified the following pests and routinely uses the following non-chemical practices to prevent pests from reaching the action level:

Pest	Remove food	Fix leaks	Seal cracks	Install barriers	Physical removal	Traps	Manage irrigation	Other
Ants	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Keep areas free of food, trash and debris
Birds	X	X		X	X			Visual deterrents, screens, spikes and netting
Biting/Stinging Insects			X		X			Distinguish between traveling swarms vs established hives
Cockroaches	X	X	X		X	X	X	Keep areas free of food, trash and debris
Crawling Insects	X	X	X		X		X	Includes crickets, silverfish, millipedes, centipedes and beetles
Fleas					X	X		Inspect for infestation prior to treatment vacuum daily. Find source cats or animals.
Flying Insects	X	X			X	X		Includes flies, gnats, crane flies, fruit flies and any other non-biting insects
Gophers				X	X	X		
Landscape Insects					X		X	Inspect landscape for proper care
Mosquitos					X		X	Inspect areas for water pools contact Vector Control
Rodents	X		X	X	X	X		Keep areas free of food, trash and debris
Spiders		X	X		X			Crush with stiff bristle broom or vacuum
Termites							X	Contact licensed structural pest control
Weeds					X		X	Mechanical, physical removal and mulch .

## Chemical pest management practices

If non-chemical methods are ineffective, the school district will consider pesticides only after careful monitoring indicates that they are needed according to pre-established action levels and will use pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property and the environment.

This school district expects the following pesticides (pesticide products and active ingredients) to be applied during the year.

This list of pesticides can also be found on the district website. Advion Ant Bait Arena, Advion Ant Gel Bait, Advion Cockroach Bait Arena, Advion Cockroach Gel Bait, Lysol disinfectant wipes, Alpine Cockroach Gel Bait, Alpine Flea Insecticide, Alpine Water Soluble Granule, Arilon, Avitrol Whole, Cy-Kick, Defta Guard G, Demand CS, Dettadust, EcoPCO Acu, EcoPCO ARX, Fumitoxin Tab, Generation Mini Block, Gentrol Point Source, Gentrol IGR, Gopher Getter 1 and 2, Gopher Getter Ag, Ground Squirrel Bait, Kaput Ground Squirrel Bait, Liqua-Tox II, Maxforce FC Magnum Roach Gel, Maxforce FC Select, Maxforce Fly Spot Bait, Maxforce Impact Roach Gel, Maxforce Quantum Ant Bait, Masterline-Bifenthrin, Omega Gopher Bait, Optigard Flex, Ovo Control Pigeon Bait, Phantom, Precor 2000, Precor Liquid IGR, PT 565 Plus XLO, Premise Foam, Purge III Fly Aereso I, Pyrocide 100, Roundup Promax, Suspend Polyzone, Talprid Mole Bait, Talstar PL granules, Temprid SC, Tengard SFR, Termidor SC, Vendetta Plus Gel Bait, Wasp Freeze II

## **Healthy Schools Act**

This school district complies with the notification, posting, recordkeeping, and all other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act. (Education Code Sections 17608 - 17613, 48980.3; Food & Agricultural Code Sections 13180 - 13188)

## **Training**

Every year school district employees who make pesticide applications receive the following training prior to pesticide use:

- Pesticide specific safety training (Title 3 California Code of Regulations 6724)
- School IPM training course approved by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (Education Code Section 16714; Food & Agricultural Code Section 13186.5).

# Submittal of pesticide use reports

Reports of all pesticides applied by child care center staff during the calendar year, except pesticides exempt<sup>1</sup> from HSA recordkeeping, are submitted to the Department of Pesticide Regulation at least annually, by January 30 of the following year, using the form provided at <a href="https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm">www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm</a>. (Education Code Section 16711)

## **Notification**

This school district has made this IPM plan publicly available by the following methods (check at least one):

This IPM plan can be found online at the following web address:

paramount.ipmnotice.info

This IPM plan is sent out to all parents, guardians and staff annually.

#### Review

Signature:

This IPM plan will be reviewed (and revised, if needed) at least annually to ensure that the information provided is still true and correct.

Date of next review: July 2026

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These pesticides are exempt from all Healthy Schools Act requirements, except the training requirement: 1) products used in self-contained baits or traps, 2) gels or pastes used as crack and crevice treatments, 3) antimicrobials, and 4) pesticides exempt from U.S. EPA registration. (Education Code Section 17610.5)