



Annual Notification of Pesticide Applications

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The State of Michigan law requires that schools and daycare centers that may apply pesticides on school or daycare property must provide an annual notification to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that the Shelby Public Schools district utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in total pest management systems with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, the school or daycare will provide advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school or daycare buildings or grounds. Advance notice will be provided, even during periods when school is not in session. Advance notice is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without advance notice to prevent injury to students. The school or daycare will provide notice following any such emergency applications.

Advance notice of pesticide applications, other than bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least two (2) methods, and will be given at least 48 hours before the application. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school or daycare center. The second method will be by posting information on the school or daycare's website.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or daycare center are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than bait or gel formulation, by first class USPS mail postmarked at least three (3) days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive notification by mail, please contact the main office of the building your child attends.

Parents and guardians of children attending Shelby Public Schools may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request. Contact Stephen Kelly at skelley@shelby.k12.mi.us.

Thank you.