



Shonto Governing Board of Education, Inc. Policy Statement

SUBJECT: Pest Management
POLICY NUMBER: EBBCA
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DATED: 6/20/17

I. INTRODUCTION:

A comprehensive policy on pest management is important, as we have learned first-hand what happens when parents and staff do not feel that district considers environmental safety a key priority. Structural and landscape pests can pose significant problems for people and property. Pesticides can pose risks to people, property, and the environment. In a recent article by the prestigious *Journal of the American Medical Association*, a group of physicians stated that pesticides in school should only be used “as a last resort.”

The AZ Legislature has a law affecting all schools, AR 32-2307, which has been amended to now require a policy pertaining to the posting of notices prior to and following the use of pesticides. It still makes good sense to have a practical and enforceable policy in our manual. Therefore, the Governing Board establishes the following policy.

II. POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Governing Board that a pest management control system shall be maintained which prevents an unacceptable level of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

III. EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY:

This policy does not apply to germicides, bactericides, personal insect repellents when self-applied, and gel bait or manufactured enclosed insecticides when used where students do not have access to the insecticide.

IV. AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES:

A. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

1. The Director of Support Services is expected to develop Integrated Pest Management procedure which determines when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological, or chemical materials. The choice of using pesticides shall be based upon a review of all other available options and a determination that those options are not effective or not reasonable. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, low impact insecticides and methods are preferred and shall be considered for use first.



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2. Our Integrate pest Management system will strive to do the following:
 - Minimize any potential health, environmental and economic risk from pests or from the use of pest control methods;
 - Minimize loss or damaged to school structures or property from pests or from the use of pest control methods;
 - Minimize the risk of pests spreading into residential housing or the community; and
 - Enhance the quality of facility use for the school and community.

B. CLARIFICATION ON THE USE OF PESTICIDES

The Director of Support Services is expected to comply with the following guidelines:

1. Pesticides are to be used only if pests represent a health and safety hazard, not for aesthetic or nuisance reasons, such as crickets.
2. Documented use of non-chemical pest prevention and control measures is a necessary first step, such as sanitation and caulking, with pesticides only as a last resort.
3. It is expected that use of the smallest amounts of the “least toxic” pesticides and use of formulations with least potential for human exposure will be applied.
4. There shall be 48 hours advance notice and posted notification to all parents, school employees and students if pesticides are to be applied, with signs to remain posted for at least 96 hours after application.
5. While the district may experience a severe intrusion of insects, ants, and other such pests, there shall be no spraying of any non-approved pesticide while any staff or student is present or will be present within the next twenty four hours.
6. When pesticide use is necessary, the Director of Support Services must approve the pesticides for school use. Approved pesticides for use are listed in Attachment #1.
7. The school’s preferred pesticides for use are pesticide baits and pesticide sprays.
8. Any person applying pesticides on school property must be trained and knowledgeable in the principles and practices in their application.

C. MICE INFESTATION AS PRIORITY

Due to the regional concern with hanta virus exposure, the Director of Support Services is to take mice infestation as top priority to control and eliminate. Whenever, mice droppings, other evidence such as gnawing, or visual sightings



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suggest the presence of mice, the maintenance staff and staff in general are expected to notify the Director of Support Services who is to give elimination of this problem as a priority.

V. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:

All principals and directors are expected to review the contents of this policy annually with students and/or staff.

VI. REPORTS:

None

VII. FORMS:

None

VIII. EXPIRATION:

This policy expires three (3) years after its acceptance unless reapproved.

IX. SIGNATURE BLOCK:

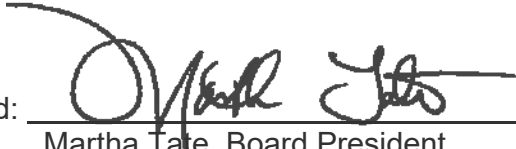
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