



# PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

*"Where Challenges Are Met Through Education  
And Innovation."*

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## **Notification Letter for Parents or Guardians of Parkland School District Students**

The Parkland School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance, and routine monitoring of the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring teams consist of our maintenance, office, and teaching staff in each school. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address it. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. If chemicals are used, the school will use the least toxic products when possible. Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the areas(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please notify the district via a signed letter, noting your return address, telephone number, child's full name, the building your child attends and his/her grade level. Include your email address if you would like notifications to come to you electronically.

If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products, self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids, and swimming pool maintenance chemicals.

Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark J. Lapos, IPM Coordinator. All correspondence should be directed to the address, email ([laposm@parklandsd.org](mailto:laposm@parklandsd.org)) or telephone number listed on this letterhead.

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