

BOARD POLICY

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3524 Pesticide Application on School Property

It is the policy of the Regional School District No. 8 Board of Education to implement an integrated pest management plan to reduce the amounts of pesticides applied in any building, or the grounds of any Regional School District No. 8 public school, by using all available pest control techniques including judicious use of pesticides, when warranted, to maintain a pest population at or below an acceptable level, while decreasing the use of pesticides.

The decision to apply pesticide in any building, or the grounds of any Regional School District No. 8 public school is dependent on results of periodic monitoring for pest populations to determine if a pest problem exists that exceeds acceptable threshold levels.

No application of pesticide shall be made in any building, or the grounds of any Regional School District No. 8 public school during regular school hours or during planned activities at any school except as provided by Connecticut statute or regulation.

Parents or guardians of students in any school and/or staff members in any school may register for prior notice of pesticide application at their school. Each school shall maintain a registry of persons requesting such notice, and shall provide notice to registered individuals in accordance with applicable Connecticut statutory and regulatory provisions.

The Superintendent may direct that an emergency application of a lawn care pesticide be made without prior notice to parents or guardians of students in any school and/or staff members in the event of a threat to human health, subject to applicable Connecticut statutory and regulatory provisions.

The Superintendent may direct that an emergency application of a pesticide be made during regular school hours or during planned activities at school without prior notice to parents or guardians of students and/or staff members in any school in the event of an immediate threat to human health, subject to applicable Connecticut statutory and regulatory provisions.

There shall be no application of any lawn care pesticide on the grounds of any school with students in grade eight (8) or lower, except on an emergency basis, subject to applicable Connecticut statutory and regulatory provisions. Notwithstanding this prohibition, until July 1, 2010, an application of a lawn care pesticide may also be made on the playing fields and playgrounds of a district school with students in grade eight (8) or lower, provided such application is made pursuant to an integrated pest management plan and all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions.

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Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes:
§10-231a
§10-231b
§10-231d

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Pesticide Application

A. Definitions:

1. **Pesticide:** means a fungicide used on plants, an insecticide, a herbicide or a rodenticide, but does not mean a sanitizer, disinfectant, antimicrobial agent or a pesticide bait.
2. **Lawn Care Pesticide:** means a pesticide registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and labeled pursuant to the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act for use in lawn, garden and ornamental sites or areas.
3. **Integrated Pest Management:** means use of all available pest control techniques including judicious use of pesticides, when warranted, to maintain a pest population at or below an acceptable level, while decreasing the use of pesticides.
4. **Restricted Use Pesticide:** means any pesticide or pesticide use classified as restricted by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or by the Connecticut Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

B. Integrated Pest Management Plan:

1. The district's integrated pest management plan shall be consistent with the model pest control management plan developed by the Connecticut Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to Section 22a-66l of the Connecticut General Statutes.

C. Notice of Pesticide Application:

1. Parents or guardians of students in any school and/or staff members in any school may register for prior notice of pesticide application at their school.
2. Each school shall maintain a registry of persons requesting such notice.
3. Parents or guardians of students in any school and/or staff members in any school who register for prior notice of pesticide application at their school shall be provided notice of each scheduled pesticide application at their school on or before the day that any application of pesticide is to take place.
4. The notice shall include the following information:
 - a. The name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied,
 - b. The location of the application on school property,
 - c. The date of the application,
 - d. The name of the school administrator, or designee, who may be contacted for further information.

D. Emergency Pesticide Application:

1. In the event of a threat to human health, the Superintendent may direct that an emergency application of a lawn care pesticide be made without prior notice to parents or guardians of students in any school and/or staff members.

2. In the event of an immediate threat to human health, the Superintendent may direct that an emergency application of a pesticide be made, during regular school hours or during planned activities at school, without prior notice to parents or guardians of students in any school and/or staff members. Such application may only be made if (1) it is necessary to make the application during such period, and (2) such emergency application does not involve a restricted use pesticide.
3. In the event of such emergency application, no student may enter the area of such application until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label.
4. In the event of such emergency application, the provision set forth below in Section F regarding authorized pesticide applicators shall not apply if the Superintendent determines that it is impractical to obtain the services of any such applicator, provided that the application does not involve a restricted use pesticide.

E. Record of Pesticide Application:

1. A copy of the record of each pesticide application at a school shall be maintained at the school for a period of five (5) years, which record shall include the information required by Section 22a-66a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time.

F. Authorized Pesticide Applicator:

1. No person, other than a pesticide applicator with supervisory certification under Section 22a-54 of the Connecticut General Statutes or a pesticide applicator with operational certification under Section 22a-54 under the direct supervision of a supervisory pesticide applicator, may apply pesticide within any building or on the grounds of any school within the district.

G. Prohibition on Use of Lawn Care Pesticides at District Schools with Students through Grade 8:

1. There shall be no application of any lawn care pesticide on the grounds of any school with students in grade eight (8) or lower, except on an emergency basis, subject to applicable Connecticut statutory and regulatory provisions and the conditions set forth above.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes:

§10-231a	§22a-47
§10-231b	§22a-54
§10-231d	§22a-66a
§19a-79a	§22a-66l

Public Act 09-56 An Act Concerning Pesticide Applications at Student Day Care Centers and Schools

United States Code:

Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. § 136 et seq.

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