

Pesticide Notification

An Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for controlling insects, rodents and weeds is used at Howell Public Schools. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of building maintenance, office, and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the pest problem and determines the appropriate pest management strategy. These strategies can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc. We only use chemicals (pesticides) when necessary to eliminate a pest problem. The school will use the least toxic products whenever possible. Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. These areas will be secured against access as necessary for the period specified, taking into account all precautions found on the pesticide product label.

We will provide notice of specific pesticide use to any school staff, student or parent who requests this notification. You can request this notification by contacting Howell Public Schools' District Operations at (517) 548-6249. You will be asked to provide the following information: your name, home address and day telephone number; your child's name, grade and building; and your child's HPS athletic participation. You can make this request at any time during the school year. We will provide anyone on our pesticide notification list with notice of any use of any chemicals used to control insects, rodents, or weeds made between the time they have joined the list and the end of the school year. We will provide notice either in writing or by phone at least 48 hours prior to the application, if possible. Notice of pesticide applications made to control emergency pest problems will be provided as soon as possible after the application. The notice will include the following information:

- Who will make the pesticide application
- Name of the pesticide to be used
- Purpose for making the pesticide application
- Area to be treated
- Date and approximate time of the scheduled application