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The Marin County Board of Education recognizes that maintenance of a safe, clean and healthful environment for students and staff is essential to learning. It is the goal of the Marin County Board of Education to provide for the safest and lowest risk approach to control pest problems while protecting students, staff, the environment and the property of the Marin County Office of Education.

The Marin County Board of Education adopts a least-toxic Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy. Under this policy, pests and weeds will be controlled to protect the health and safety of students and staff; to maintain a productive learning environment; and to maintain the integrity of school and office buildings and grounds. Further, it is the policy of the Marin County Board of Education to focus on long-term pest prevention and give non-chemical methods first consideration when selecting appropriate control techniques. The full range of alternatives will be considered, giving preference to non-chemical use and then chemicals that pose the least possible hazard to people and the environment.

The least-toxic Integrated Pest Management plan for the Marin County Office of Education will contain the following elements:

- A. Monitoring to determine pest population levels and identify decisions and practices that could affect pest populations.
- B. Setting of injury and action levels to determine when vegetation or a pest population at a specific site causes unacceptable economic or medical damage wherein corrective action should be taken.
- C. Modification of pest habitats to deter pest populations and minimize pest infestations.
- D. Consideration of a range of potential treatments for the pest problem, including prevention, mechanical, cultural and biological methods of pest control, using synthetic chemical controls only as a last resort and only those chemicals that pose the least possible hazard to people and the environment. The Marin County Office of Education will not use any Toxicity Category I or Toxicity Category II pesticide product, any pesticide product containing an ingredient known to the state of California

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to cause cancer, developmental toxicity or reproductive toxicity pursuant to the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 or any pesticide product containing an ingredient classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as known, possible or probable human carcinogen, possible human carcinogen, reproductive toxin or developmental toxin.

- E. The Marin County Office of Education will establish a committee to provide guidance, education and advice regarding IPM procedures. The committee will review the annual plan and make recommendations to the IPM coordinator. Members of the committee will be appointed by the Superintendent and may include the following: superintendent or designee, board member, IPM coordinator, parent, certificated staff member, classified staff member and one community member-at-large.

The superintendent shall designate a staff person to coordinate the IPM program. The IPM coordinator shall be responsible to provide a status report and recommended plan annually to the Superintendent/Governing Board. Included in this plan will be administrative regulations for:

- Overall management and facilities plan listing all proposed products and methods proposed for use
- Procedures for notification to parents, staff and students
- Record-keeping guidelines for any chemical pesticide application
- Education and training for Marin County Office of Education personnel
- Approved use, limited use and banned use products lists
- Emergency exemption process

The IPM coordinator shall oversee the implementation of the program consistent with this policy, track all pesticide use and insure that records of pesticide use are available to the public upon request.

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References: The Healthy Schools Act of 2000  
Education Code: 17608-17613, 48980.3

Food and Agriculture Code 13180 - 13188

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