



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Healthy School Act of 2000 requires all California School Districts to notify parents and guardians of pesticides they expect to apply during the year. NCSA intends to exhaust the following procedures before spraying pesticides:

1) Modify Pest Habits

- a. Food, water, harborage, entry points, and other conditions that attract and sustain pest populations will be eliminated.
- b. Proper sanitation, which will involve a coordinated effort by ALL building occupants (student, staff and parents), is absolutely essential. Sanitation will extend to all areas, of the school facility and rounds, and must be reviewed regularly to improve performance and correct oversight. Sanitation records must be kept with regards to cleaning schedules, complaints, etc.

2) Coordinating the use of a range of potential treatments for pest problems including physical, biological, and horticultural pest control methods, which includes the following:

- a. Physical Controls
 - Vacuuming
 - Desiccants (diatomaceous earth, silica aero gel)
 - Barriers (stick, slippery, soapy water)
 - Traps (Mechanical, sticky)
 - Environmental manipulation (temperature, humidity, light)
 - Electric currents (electro gun, electric fences and/or traps)
 - Manual removal (hand, nets, lice combs)
 - Designing, construction, and modifying indoor and outdoor areas to reduce and eliminate pest habits
- b. Biological Controls
 - Controls include conservation of pest’s natural predators and parasites, and disease and augmentation of these natural enemies through their purchase and release.
- c. Horticultural Controls
 - Pest resistant plant varieties
 - Proper management practices (watering, pruning, mowing)
 - Design or redesigning landscapes to prevent pests

After exhausting the above procedures and resources, the following pesticides may be utilized.

Name of Pesticide	Active Ingredient(s)	Use(s)
Dragnet	Permethrin	Spiders/Ants
Suspend	Deltamethrin	Spiders/Ants/Rodents
Sidekick	Cyfulthrin	Spiders/Ants

You can find more information regarding pesticides and pesticide use reduction at the Department of Pesticide Regulation’s Website at www.schoolipm.info if you have any questions, please contact your students school and ask for the person in charge of pesticides.

Thank you,

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