

# School District Integrated Pest Management Plan

When completed, this template meets the Healthy Schools Act requirement for an integrated pest management (IPM) plan. An IPM plan is required if a school district uses pesticides<sup>1</sup>

## Contacts

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## IPM statement

It is the goal of Palm Springs Unified School District to implement IPM by focusing on long-term prevention or suppression of pests through accurate pest identification, by frequent monitoring for pest presence, by applying appropriate action levels, and by making the habitat less conducive to pests using sanitation and mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that are effective will be used in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment, and only after other options have been shown ineffective.

Our pest management objectives are to: *(Example: Focus on long-term pest prevention)*

Manage pest control through monitoring and inspection, using the most appropriate and least-hazardous method of control that minimizes exposure to students, staff, the public and our environment.

## IPM team

In addition to the IPM Coordinator, other individuals who are involved in purchasing, making IPM decisions, applying pesticides, and complying with the Healthy Schools Act requirements, include:

| Name and/or Title   | Role in IPM program                |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Eliseo Lopez-Vargas | Pest Control Chemical Applicator   |
| Jose Martinez       | + Pest Control Chemical Applicator |
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## Pest management contracting

- Pest management services are contracted to a licensed pest control business.  
Pest Control Business name(s): Dewey Pest Control / District Pest Control Chemical Applicator
- Prior to entering into a contract, the school district has confirmed that the pest control business understands the training requirement and other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act.

## Pest identification, monitoring and inspection

Pest Identification is done by: District Pest Control Applicator / Dewey Pest Control

*(Example: College/University staff, Pest Control Business, etc.)*

Monitoring and inspecting for pests and conditions that lead to pest problems are done regularly by

Site custodial staff and maintenance staff  and results are communicated to the IPM Coordinator.

*(Example: District staff title, e.g. Maintenance staff)*

Specific information about monitoring and inspecting for pests, such as locations, times, or techniques include:

*(Example: Sticky monitoring boards are placed in the kitchen and are checked weekly by custodial staff.)*

District kitchens are inspected monthly and treated as necessary by the Pest Management Company. Schools are monitored and inspected daily/weekly by site custodians. Work orders are entered for treatment as necessary. Athletic fields and district grounds are monitored by site custodians and maintenance staff and treatment as needed is performed by the district's pest control chemical applicator and/or contracted pest control company. Mosquito and fire ant monitoring / treatment is performed by the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District.

**Pests and non-chemical management practices**

This school district has identified the following pests and routinely uses the following non-chemical practices to prevent pests from reaching the action level:

| Pest        | Remove food                         | Fix leaks                           | Seal cracks                         | Install barriers                    | Physical removal                    | Traps                               | Manage irrigation                   | Other                             |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rats / Mice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Baits / Traps +                   |
| Roaches     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Baits +                           |
| Ants        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Baits / Contact spray +           |
| Squirrels   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Baits / Traps +                   |
| Gophers     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Baits / Traps / CO2 machine +     |
| Weeds       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Herbicides / Mechanical Removal + |

**Chemical pest management practices**

If non-chemical methods are ineffective, the school district will consider pesticides only after careful monitoring indicates that they are needed according to pre-established action levels and will use pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property and the environment.

This school district expects the following pesticides (pesticide products and active ingredients) to be applied during the year. (This list includes pesticides that will be applied by school district staff or licensed pest control businesses.):

Amdro Pro, Barricade 65WG, Delta Dust, Fastrac, Fusilade II / Aeneca, Lifeline, Monument, MPEDE, Ranger Pro Herbicide, Sedge Hammer, Speed Zone, Tempo Ultra WP, Terro, Wasp & Hornet, Weed Ho.

**Healthy Schools Act**

- This school district complies with the notification, posting, recordkeeping, and all other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act. (Education Code Sections 17608 - 17613, 48980.3; Food & Agricultural Code Sections 13180 - 13188)

**Training**

Every year school district employees who make pesticide applications receive the following training prior to pesticide use:

- Pesticide specific safety training (Title 3 California Code of Regulations 6724)
- School IPM training course approved by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (Education Code Section 16714; Food & Agricultural Code Section 13186.5)

**Submittal of pesticide use reports**

- Reports of all pesticides applied by school district staff during the calendar year, except pesticides exempt<sup>1</sup> from HSA recordkeeping, are submitted to the Department of Pesticide Regulation at least annually, by January 30 of the following year, using the form provided at [www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm). (Education Code Section 16711)

**Notification**

This school district has made this IPM plan publicly available by the following methods (check at least one):

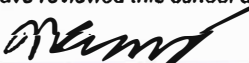
- This IPM plan can be found online at the following web address: www.psusd.us
- This IPM plan is sent out to all parents, guardians and staff annually.

**Review**

- This IPM plan will be reviewed (and revised, if needed) at least annually to ensure that the information provided is still true and correct.

Date of next review: September 1, 2025

I acknowledge that I have reviewed this school district's IPM Plan and it is true and correct.

Signature:  Date: September 27, 2024

<sup>1</sup> These pesticides are exempt from all Healthy Schools Act requirements, except the training requirement: 1) products used in self-contained baits or traps 2) gels or pastes used as crack and crevice treatments, 3) antimicrobials, and 4) pesticides exempt from U.S. EPA registration (Education Code Section 17610.5)