



Integrated Pest Management (I.P.M.)
Notification

The Quakertown Community School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. 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 their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance and monitoring the school building and grounds to detect any pests or weeds that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building custodial, office, and teaching staff. Pestsightings are reported to the facilities department who evaluates the problem and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals are used, the district will use the least toxic product possible.

Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application.

Parents or guardians of students who have sensitivities to chemicals may request to receive prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please return the attached notification form. Alternatively, you may select the option to be notified when completing your student's PowerSchool Enrollment for the new school year. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids.

Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry.

If you have any questions, please contact the Facilities Department at (215) 529-2009.

IPM Notification Registry Form

I/We would like to be notified prior to any pesticide applications being made at the following building:

School Building: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please return this form to the IPM Coordinator via email, facilities@qcsd.org
or mail to: Facilities Building, 311 S. Ninth Street, Quakertown, Pa. 18951