

## **CENTER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IPM (INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT) PLAN**

Pursuant to the Healthy Schools Act of 2000, Center Joint Unified School District is required to notify employees, parents/guardians and students about pesticides used on their school sites. Each school district is required to implement the following:

*Provide school staff and parents/guardians with annual written notification of all non-exempt pesticide products the District expects to use on school grounds.*

*Each school shall provide the opportunity for interested staff and parents/guardians to register with the District if they would like to be notified of individual pesticide applications at the school before they occur.*

*Post warning signs in areas where pesticides will be applied. These signs will be posted at least 24 hours before, and remain posted at least 72 hours after the pesticide application.*

*Each school will maintain records of all pesticide used at the school for four years and make the records available to the public upon request.*

It is the goal of Center Joint Unified School District to you the most effective, least-toxic pest management practices whenever practical. The Healthy Schools Act defines IPM as a pest management strategy that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems through a combination of techniques such as monitoring, establishing treatment threshold levels, using non-chemical practices to reduce/eliminate favorable habitat, improvement of sanitation, and using mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides, when necessary, will be used in a manner that is the least harmful to people and the environment and are used only when other methods are overwhelmed. Pest inspections occur on a quarterly basis for most areas, with monthly inspections of food service areas. Inspection schedule may be modified during periods of greater activity.

### **DISTRICT IPM COORDINATOR**

The designated District IPM Coordinator is the Director of Maintenance/Facilities and will monitor all pest problems and will also be responsible for approving the list of all pesticides used on school campuses. The Coordinator will also be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the issuance of notifications, record keeping and maintenance of the registrant list. The Maintenance Department maintains records of all pesticides applied at the sites. Those records are maintained for a minimum of four years.

### **IPM TEAM**

IPM Coordinator	Richard Putnam, Director of Facilities
Contracted Pest Management	EcoTech Pest Management Inc.

### **PESTICIDE APPLICATION**

The District will not use any product known to have cancer-causing agents or agents which cause damage to the nervous or reproductive systems. There will be no pesticide applications during regular school hours, unless the presence of the pest is deemed more dangerous than the treatment.

Staff and parents may register with the District to receive notification of any pesticide application at their work site/child’s school site 72 hours prior to the application. The notification will include the product’s name, active ingredient, application date and quantity applied. Warning signs will be posted 24 hours prior and remain 72 hours after application. The sign will display the term “Warning-Pesticide Treated Area” and will include the name of the pesticide, manufacturer’s name, the EPA product registration number, the intended application date, and the reason for application.

**PESTICIDE EXEMPTIONS**

Pesticide products in the form of self-contained bait or trap, crack gel or paste, and pesticides exempted from regulation by the EPA are exempt from the record keeping, written notification and posting requirements of the Healthy Schools Act of 2000.

**PROCUREMENT/DISPENSING OF PESTICIDES**

The District has employed a licensed pest control operator who is trained in compliance with the Department of Pesticide Regulation for the safe application of pesticides on school campuses and Integrated Pest Management practices. Maintenance employees who apply pesticides on school campuses are required to receive specialized training on the safe application of pesticides. No other employee is allowed to use a pesticide on a school campus.

**PESTS AND NON-CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

Center Joint Unified School District has identified the following pests, and routinely uses non-chemical practices to prevent pests from reaching the action level.

<i>Pest</i>	<i>Remove Food</i>	<i>Fix Leaks</i>	<i>Seal Cracks</i>	<i>Install Barriers</i>	<i>Physical Removal</i>	<i>Traps</i>	<i>Manage Irrigation</i>
<i>Rodents (Rats, Mice)</i>	X		X	X	X	X	
<i>Rodents (Gophers, Moles)</i>					X	X	
<i>Ants</i>	X	X	X	X			X
<i>Wasps</i>				X	X	X	X
<i>Weeds</i>		X			X		X
<i>Spiders</i>					X		

The Center Joint Unified School District IPM Plan will be reviewed and updated annually.

Next review date: **June 1, 2026**