

Capistrano Unified School District Integrated Pest Management Plan

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IPM Statement

It is the goal of Capistrano Unified School District to implement Integrated Pest Management (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, 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.

Capistrano Unified School District will incorporate IPM procedures for the control of structural and landscape pests. IPM means that pest problems will be alleviated with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment by using IPM methods that are safe, effective and economically feasible. Pesticides will be carefully evaluated before use and will only be used after nontoxic and other safer methods have been considered.

IPM Team

In addition to the IPM Coordinator, other individuals who are involved in purchasing, making IPM decisions and conducting response actions:

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Pest Management-Contracting

CUSD may hire a contracted pest control company on an as needed basis. Prior to entering into this contract, CUSD has confirmed that the pest control company understands the training requirements and other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act.

Pest Identification, Monitoring and Inspection

Pest identification is done by the CUSD Pesticide Applicator Technician.

Monitoring and inspection for pests and conditions that lead to pest problems is done regularly by school site Custodial Staff, Maintenance and Operations Staff, Grounds Staff and CUSD Pesticide Applicator Technician. All the results are communicated to the IPM Coordinator.

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

The Grounds Department will assign the Pesticide Applicator Technician to the District site where the pest problem is reported. The site will be visited by the Pesticide Applicator Technician and the reported location will be thoroughly inspected to determine the level of infestation.

If the level of infestation is minimal, Integrated Pest Management methods will be implemented to lessen or eliminate the infestation level. These methods include sanitation, exclusion, education and monitoring. Monitoring will be conducted by the site staff daily with the Pesticide Applicator Technician inspecting the site weekly until the situation is resolved.

If the infestation is considered to be moderate, Integrated Pest Management methods will be implemented to reduce or eliminate the infestation level. These methods include sanitation, exclusion, education and monitoring. Monitoring will be conducted by the site staff daily with the Pesticide Applicator Technician inspecting the site weekly until the situation is resolved. If the infestation levels have not decreased significantly, then alternative methods, including a pesticide treatment, would be considered.

If the infestation is determined to be severe and the risk to human health or property is significant, then a pesticide treatment may be necessary in conjunction with Integrated Pest Management methods to reduce the levels of the infestation to a manageable level. These methods include sanitation, exclusion, education and monitoring. Monitoring will be conducted by the site staff daily with the Pesticide Applicator Technician inspecting the site weekly until the situation is resolved. If the infestation still is not at a satisfactory level, then a subsequent pesticide treatment may be necessary.

Pest and Non-Chemical Management Practices

Pest	Remove Food	Fix Cracks	Seal Cracks	Install Barriers	Physical Removal	Traps	Manage Irrigation	Other
Ants	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Roaches	X		X	X		X		
Gophers						X		
Rats/Mice	X	X	X	X		X		
Squirrels						X		
Weeds					X		X	

Chemical Pest Management Practices

If non-chemical methods are ineffective, the school district will consider the use of pesticides only after careful monitoring indicates they are needed and according to pre-established threshold action levels. In addition, only pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property and the environment will be considered. CUSD may apply the following pesticides (pesticide products and active ingredients) during the school year (ATTACHMENT 1).

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Healthy Schools Act

CUSD complies with the notification, posting, recording keeping and all other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act (Education Code Section 17608—17613)

Training

Every year, CUSD staff who make pesticide applications receive the following training prior to pesticide use: Pesticide Specific Safety Training (Title 3 California Code of Regulations 6724) and a 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 pesticide applied by CUSD staff during the calendar year, except pesticides exempt¹ 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. (Education Code Section 16711)

Notification

CUSD has made this IPM Plan publicly available on the school district website at: www.capousd.org.

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: July 1, 2026

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

Signature: Gerardo Manjarrez Mata

Date: July 1, 2025

¹ These pesticides are exempt from all Healthy School's Act requirements, except the training requirements: 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)