

Annual Notification of Pesticide Applications

Dear Parents or Guardians,

The State of Michigan Law requires that schools that may apply pesticides on school property must provide an annual notification to parents and guardians of students attending the school facilities.

Please be advised that Oakridge Public Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest Management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological control. One of the objectives of using the IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by the State of Michigan Law, Oakridge Public Schools will provide advanced notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation that is made to the school building or grounds. Advance notice is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or antimicrobial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be used without advance notice to prevent injury to students, but the school will provide notice following any such application.

Advance notice of pesticide applications, other than bait or gel formulations, will be given by at least 2 methods by which advance notice of the application of a pesticide will be given at least 48 hours before the application. The first method will be by posting at the main entrances of the schools which are located in the front of the buildings. The second method of posting will be by posting in a public or common area of the schools other than the entrances. We will be posting it in the cafeteria.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending Oakridge Public Schools are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days

before the pesticide application, if they request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please contact Cory Schullo Director of Facilities and Operations at the Oakridge Public Schools Administration office by calling 231-788-7104 or emailing at cschullo@oakridgeschools.org.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending Oakridge Public Schools may review the schools Integrated Pest Management program(IPM) and records of any pesticide application upon request. Please contact Cory Schullo Director of Facilities and Operations at 231-788-7104 or email at cschullo@oakridgeschools.org.