

BEECHER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200U

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY

Rationale: Due to increasing environmental and health concerns, the General Assembly has required schools to have an “Integrated Pest Management Program” (IPMP) which attempts to prevent infestations and regulates usage of pesticides and herbicides.

Policy:

1. The maintenance staff of the School District shall make every effort to inspect, identify, monitor, evaluate, and control vermin, pests, as well as their method of entry within our buildings. Jeffrey R. McCartney, Superintendent, shall serve as the District’s “Integrated Pest Management Coordinator,” or IPMC.
2. The District’s IPMC shall notify annually all staff members and families of students attending Beecher Public Schools, the dates on which monthly monitoring is expected to be provided by the Pest Management service company. The District’s IPMC shall also notify all staff members and families of students attending Beecher Public Schools prior to any application of pesticides to any school property, or herbicides on any school grounds. Such notification will take place via Power Announcement a minimum of two business days prior to the application of the pesticide or herbicide, followed by posting to the school district website which shall include the name of the chemical sprayed, the intended date of application, and the name and telephone number of the IPMC. Notification will take place annually for monthly monitoring via written correspondence to be included annually with school registration materials, as well as an annual Power Announcement, followed by posting to the school district website.

NOTE: The law does not require notification for use of antibacterial or antimicrobial agents, disinfectants, or deodorizers; not insecticides such as ant, spider or bee spray; nor rodent/roach traps or baits.

3. All pesticides/herbicides shall be stored in locations designated by the School District IPMC. Only chemicals registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, as well as the US Environmental Protection Agency may be approved, by the IPMC, for use.
4. Staff may report vermin infestations using regular request for maintenance forms.
5. The IPMC, or his designee, shall maintain a list of inspection, application, and extermination data in a central file.