Canton Union School District #66

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan

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Integrated Pest Management Policy

Canton Union School District #66 is committed to providing students, staff, and visitors with a healthy learning environment while minimizing exposure to pests and pesticides. The District shall utilize Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices in accordance with Section 10.2 of the Illinois Structural Pest Control Act (225 ILCS 235/10.2) and applicable regulations of the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Integrated Pest Management emphasizes prevention, monitoring, sanitation, maintenance, and least-toxic control methods before considering the use of pesticides.

Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to:

- Prevent pest infestations through proactive maintenance and sanitation.
- Protect the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors.
- Reduce reliance on chemical pesticides.
- Ensure compliance with Illinois law.
- Establish clear responsibilities and procedures for pest management.

Scope

This plan applies to all District-owned or leased:

- School buildings
- Administrative buildings
- Transportation facilities
- Maintenance facilities
- Athletic buildings
- Storage buildings
- Other District-owned structures

Grounds maintenance, athletic fields, and landscape pesticide applications shall comply with applicable Illinois Department of Agriculture requirements in addition to this plan.

IPM Coordinator

The Superintendent shall designate an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator.

The IPM Coordinator shall:

- Serve as the District's point of contact for pest management.
- Coordinate inspections and monitoring.
- Maintain all required records.
- Coordinate with contracted pest management professionals.
- Ensure required notifications are provided.
- Maintain copies of pesticide labels and Safety Data Sheets when applicable.
- Review the effectiveness of the IPM program annually.
- Submit required documentation to the Illinois Department of Public Health every five years.

Responsibilities

Superintendent

The Superintendent shall:

- Ensure implementation of this plan.
- Designate the IPM Coordinator.
- Ensure adequate funding for implementation.

Principals and Building Administrators

Building administrators shall:

- Report pest concerns promptly.
- Support sanitation and exclusion efforts.
- Ensure staff follow food storage and waste disposal procedures.

Custodial and Maintenance Staff

Custodial and maintenance personnel shall:

- Maintain high sanitation standards.
- Remove food and water sources.
- Repair leaks.
- Seal structural openings.
- Maintain doors, windows, weather stripping, and screens.
- Report pest evidence immediately.

Food Service Staff

Food service employees shall:

- Maintain proper sanitation.
- Store food in pest-resistant containers.
- Clean food preparation and storage areas daily.
- Remove garbage promptly.

Employees

Employees shall:

- Report pest sightings.
- Avoid storing food improperly.
- Keep classrooms and work areas reasonably clean.

Pest Management Contractor

The District shall utilize licensed structural pest control professionals when pesticide applications or specialized pest management services are necessary.

Contractors shall:

- Follow all applicable federal and state laws.
- Utilize IPM principles.
- Recommend preventive actions.
- Maintain service records.

Pest Monitoring

The District shall conduct routine inspections throughout the year.

Monitoring may include:

- Visual inspections
- Glue boards
- Mechanical traps
- Monitoring stations
- Inspection logs
- Staff reports

Monitoring shall focus on:

- Kitchens
- Cafeterias

- Locker rooms
- Custodial closets
- Mechanical rooms
- Storage rooms
- Loading docks
- Waste collection areas
- Entry points

Common Structural Pests

Examples include:

- Ants
- Mice
- Rats
- Cockroaches
- Spiders
- Wasps
- Bees
- Flies
- Pantry pests
- Occasional invaders

Each pest shall be correctly identified before treatment is initiated.

Action Thresholds

Pest management actions shall be initiated only when monitoring indicates that action is warranted.

Examples include:

Immediate Action

- Rodent activity
- Cockroach infestation
- Stinging insects located near student activity
- Any pest presenting a health or safety concern

Scheduled Corrective Action

- Occasional ants

- Non-threatening spiders
- Seasonal insects
- Minor nuisance pests

Repeated observations of the same pest shall trigger further investigation to identify contributing environmental conditions.

Prevention Strategies

The District shall emphasize prevention through:

Sanitation

- Daily cleaning of food service areas
- Prompt garbage removal
- Food stored in sealed containers
- Elimination of standing water

Structural Maintenance

- Seal cracks and openings
- Repair plumbing leaks
- Maintain door sweeps
- Repair window screens
- Maintain weather stripping

Habitat Modification

- Reduce clutter
- Store materials off floors
- Trim vegetation away from buildings
- Remove unnecessary debris

Pest Control Procedures

The District shall use the following hierarchy:

1. Prevention
2. Monitoring
3. Mechanical controls
4. Physical exclusion
5. Biological controls where appropriate

6. Least-toxic pesticide applications when necessary

Chemical pesticides shall only be used after non-chemical measures have proven ineffective or when immediate action is required to protect health and safety.

Pesticide Use

When pesticides are necessary:

- Only EPA-registered products shall be used.
- Applications shall be made only by licensed personnel as required by Illinois law.
- The least hazardous effective product shall be selected.
- Spot treatments shall be used whenever practical.
- Broadcast applications shall be avoided whenever possible.
- Applications shall occur when buildings are unoccupied whenever feasible.

Notification Requirements

The District shall comply with Section 10.3 of the Illinois Structural Pest Control Act.

The District shall:

- Maintain a registry of parents/guardians and employees requesting advance notification.
- Provide notification at least two business days before pesticide applications, except as permitted by law for emergencies.
- Notify all parents, guardians, and employees annually of the District's notification procedures.

Emergency pesticide applications shall follow all applicable Illinois notification requirements.

Recordkeeping

The IPM Coordinator shall maintain:

- Pest sighting reports
- Monitoring logs
- Inspection reports
- Corrective action records

- Contractor service reports
- Pesticide application records
- Copies of required notifications
- Annual program reviews
- IPM training documentation

Records shall be retained in accordance with applicable Illinois records retention requirements.

Annual Program Review

The IPM Coordinator shall review this program annually to evaluate:

- Pest activity trends
- Effectiveness of prevention efforts
- Pesticide use
- Facility maintenance issues
- Recommendations for improvement

The plan shall be revised as necessary.

Public Inspection

This Integrated Pest Management Plan and all required notifications shall be maintained at the District administrative office and made available for public inspection as required by Illinois law.