

Integrated Pest Management Notice

The School District of Jenkintown uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents, and weeds. This approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. Techniques for accomplishing this can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc. However, from time to time it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals are used, the district will use the least toxic product possible and applications will be made only when students and staff do not have access to the area during, and for seven hours (minimum) following the application. Notices will be posted in the treatment area 72 hours prior to the application and for two days following the application.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the district school may request prior notification of both scheduled and emergency (such as for stinging insects) pesticide applications. The primary method of notification will be email (for scheduled applications) and telephone (for emergency applications). Exemptions to all notifications include disinfectants and antimicrobial products, self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the notification registry, please contact Mike Nickerson, Facility Manager and IPM Coordinator, nickersonm@jtowndrakes.org, (215) 885-3722, x220. Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry.