



ADDISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Annual Notification of Pesticide Application

Dear Parent or Guardian:

State of Michigan law requires that schools that may apply pesticides on school property must provide an annual notification to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that Addison Community Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pest. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in 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 controls. One of the objectives of using an 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, the school will provide advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school buildings or grounds. Advance notice will be provided, even during periods of when not in session. Advance notice is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without advanced notice to prevent injury to students, but the school will provide notice following any such application.

Advance notice of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods by which advance notice of applications of a pesticide will be given at least 48 hours before the application. The first method will be by posting at each main entrance to the school, the second method will be by posting on the school website.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United State postal mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please contact Tiffany Smith at Addison Community Schools central office by calling 517-547-6901.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request. Contact Dennis Blackburn at 517-547-6905 or by email at Dennis.blackburn@addisonschools.us

Thank you.