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- (1) Children are particularly vulnerable to problems associated with pests (including asthma and allergic reactions) and the management of pests including the effects of certain pesticides. To contribute to a clean environment while also maintaining the health and safety of students and staff through integrated pest management, the District will use best practices in the purchase, use, and disposal of materials in our pest management program.
- (2) Pests means:
  - (a) An insect or other arthropod;
  - (b) A weed, moss, slime or mildew or a plant disease caused by a fungus, bacterium or virus;
  - (c) A nematode, snail, slug, rodent or predatory animal;
  - (d) A bacteria, spore, virus, fungus or other microorganism that is harmful to human health; or
  - (e) Other forms of plant or animal life that may infest or be detrimental to vegetation, humans, animals, structures, managed landscapes or other human environments.
- (3) District staff will operate:
  - (a) an integrated pest management program that includes the following practices:
    - (A) Reduce and eliminate where feasible, the use of chemical pesticides, including restricting use of chemical pesticides to low-impact pesticides (not classified as human carcinogens by the EPA) and do not contain the signal word "warning" or "danger" on the label. Any pesticide used by the District must have a current EPA Registration and must be used in strict compliance with labeling information and EPA regulatory controls;
    - (B) Seek practical and safe alternatives to the use of pesticides;
    - (C) Provide notice to the building principal of use seven to ten days before intended application of pesticide or herbicide, except in those instances where rodent or similar infestation creates an imminent risk of danger to students and staff
      - (1) The principal shall notify the school community by notice and posting both before and, for a reasonable pee

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- (D) Report annually on practices;
- (E) Apply herbicides to prevent damage to grounds and buildings, but not solely for aesthetic purposes;
- (F) Except for circumstances where the health or safety of the community or the integrity of physical structures or grounds are threatened, honor a school's request to designate part or all of the grounds as a pesticide-free zone on an annual basis.
- (G) Additional information on Integrated Pest Management Program Manual can be found here <u>ORS Chapter 634</u>.

Legal References: ORS 634.700 – 634.750.