Integrated Pest Management Policy for Bancroft School at The Voorhees Pediatric Facility

The New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act requires schools to implement a school integrated pest management policy.

The law requires the principal of a private school for the disabled to implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests and minimize exposure of children, faculty, and staff to pesticides. The Bancroft School at Voorhees Pediatric Facility shall therefore develop and maintain an IPM plan as part of the school’s policy.

Integrated pest management procedures in schools:
The implementation of IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological or chemical methods. Applying IPM principals prevents unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

Our school will consider the full range of management options, including no action at all. Non-pesticide pest management methods are to be used whenever possible. The choice of using a pesticide shall be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not effective or not reasonable. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, low impact pesticides and methods are preferred and shall be considered for use first.

Development of IPM plans:
The Bancroft School at Voorhees Pediatric Facility’s IPM plan is a blueprint on how we will manage pests through IPM methods. The IPM plan states the school’s goals regarding the management of pests and the use of pesticides. It reflects our school’s specific needs. The IPM plan shall provide a description of how each component of the school IPM policy will be implemented at the school. The principal at The Bancroft School at Voorhees Pediatric Facility shall be the IPM coordinator and is responsible for the development and implementation of the IPM plan. The principal will also work collaboratively with the Director of Maintenance at Voorhees Pediatric Facility.
**Education:**
The IPM coordinator/principal, Bancroft and Voorhees Pediatric Facility staff and pesticide applicators involved with the implementation will be trained on the IPM policy as it pertains to the school environment. Students and their guardians will be provided information as directed by this policy and how they can contribute to the success of the IPM program.

**Record Keeping:**
Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency. Records shall also include, but are not limited to, pest surveillance data sheets and other non-pesticide pest management methods and practices utilized.

**Notification/Posting:**
The Principal of The Bancroft School at Voorhees Pediatric Facility will be responsible for timely notification to students’ parents or guardians and school staff of pesticide treatments pursuant to the School IPM Act.

**Re-entry:**
Re-entry to a pesticide treated area shall conform to the requirements of the School IPM Act.

**Pesticide applicators:**
The IPM coordinator shall ensure that applicators follow state regulations, including licensing requirements and label precautions, and must comply with all components of the School IPM Policy.

**Evaluation:**
Annually, the Principal will report to the Executive Director of Bancroft on the effectiveness of the IPM plan and make recommendations for improvement as needed. The Executive Director will direct the Principal to develop regulations/procedures for the implementation of this policy.

**Authorizing Regulatory References:**
The School Integrated Pest Management Act
N.J.A.C. Title 7 Chapter 30 Subchapters 1-12
Pesticide Control Act