

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

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5 Noxious Plant and Animal Control

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7 Each school and school site shall be maintained free of harborage for insects, rodents, and other  
8 pests. Extermination methods and other measures to control pests shall conform with the  
9 requirements of the DPHHS or the local health authority.

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11 All areas shall be maintained free of accumulation of debris or standing water which may  
12 provide harborage for pests.

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14 Storage areas shall be maintained so as to prevent pest harborage. Lumber, pipe, and other  
15 building materials shall be stored neatly.

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17 The growth of brush, weeds, and grass shall be controlled to prevent harborage of pests. School  
18 grounds shall be maintained to prevent the growth of noxious weeds considered detrimental to  
19 health.

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21 Integrated Pest Management Plan

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23 The District had developed and implanted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program.  
24 Students, parents, and staff shall be notified when chemicals for IPM are going to be used. The  
25 school IPM shall include strategies to prevent the spread of pests.

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27 The Superintendent or designee shall, whenever practical, ensure the use of nonchemical  
28 methods to control pests, including proper sanitation practices, structural repair, and window  
29 screens.

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31 Pesticide Application Notification

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33 Except as otherwise provided in this policy, the District shall notify parents or guardians of  
34 students of the application of a pesticide to an area of the school that is used by or is accessible to  
35 students at least 24 hours before the application. The notification shall state the following:

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37 a) A description of the area where the pesticide will be applied;  
38 b) The date and approximate time of application;  
39 c) The common or brand name of each pesticide to be used;  
40 d) The targeted pests to be controlled by the pesticide;  
41 e) Each active ingredient in the pesticide;  
42 f) The EPA registration number;  
43 g) The telephone contact number, if any, on the label of the pesticide for additional  
44 information about each pesticide;  
45 h) A contact name and telephone number at the school; and

- 1 i) If the application will be outdoors, the notification shall also include three dates in  
2 chronological order in case the preceding date is canceled due to weather.  
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4 During the school year, the notification required by this policy shall be made by individual notice  
5 delivered by phone, face-to-face, oral communication, electronic mail, postal mail, or facsimile.  
6 The Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop a registration system  
7 to provide this notification only to those parents or guardians who wish to receive the  
8 notification. The registration shall provide written notice to the parents or guardians of the  
9 student at the beginning of the school year, or upon a child's enrollment, that pesticides may be  
10 used in or around the school. The Superintendent or designee shall develop methods to inform  
11 each parent or guardian how to register to be notified at least 24 hours before a pesticide  
12 treatment.  
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14 If pesticides are used outside the school year and the school is open or to be accessible by the  
15 public, the notification required shall be prominently posted in a conspicuous location on the  
16 school premises at least 24 hours before the pesticide application is scheduled to occur.  
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18 Immediately before starting the application of a pesticide, the certified applicator shall post in the  
19 area of the school where the pesticide is to be applied, a sign 8.5x11-inch in size, or greater.  
20 Fonts shall be no smaller than 26 point (one-fourth inch). The Superintendent or designee shall  
21 ensure the sign remains posted and students are kept out of the treated area until the reentry  
22 interval on the label, if any, has expired, or, if the label does not specify a reentry interval, for at  
23 least 24 hours.  
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#### 25 Emergency Pesticide Application 26

27 The Superintendent or designee may authorize an immediate pesticide treatment without prior  
28 notification if the Superintendent determines an emergency exists. An emergency includes an  
29 immediate and unanticipated threat to the health and safety of the individuals at the school. If the  
30 Superintendent or designee authorizes an emergency pesticide application all the information  
31 that is required in a notice under this policy shall be included in the record maintained as  
32 required by this policy.  
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#### 34 Exceptions to the Notice Requirements 35

36 The following pesticide applications are not subject to the notification or posting requirements of  
37 this rule:  
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- 39 a) Applications of antimicrobial pesticides;  
40 b) An application where the school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hour period  
41 following the application of the pesticide;  
42 c) Applications of rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations or in areas inaccessible to  
43 students; and  
44 d) Applications of silica gels and other ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels that will be used  
45 in areas inaccessible to students.  
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1 Record Keeping

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3 The Superintendent or designee shall keep records of pesticide applications subject to the  
4 notification and posting requirements of this rule. Records shall include:

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6 a) A copy of each notice issued;

7 b) The date of application;

8 c) The name and employer of the individual who applied the pesticide, including the  
9 individual's certificate on number;

10 d) The rate of application;

11 e) The concentration of the pesticide applied; and

12 f) The total amount of pesticide used.

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14 Records shall be kept for at least five years and shall be made available to the local health  
15 authority, DPHHS, or the public for review upon request.

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17 Legal References:

18 37.111.846, ARM Noxious Plant and Animal Control

19 10.55.701(s), ARM Board of Trustees

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21 Policy History:

22 Adopted on: August 23, 2021

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