

Integrated Pest Management Program

MCISD

School Year 2015-2016

Letter to the Staff:

Monroe County Intermediate School District facilities utilize an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a 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 pest exclusion and biological controls. However, as with most pest control programs, chemical controls may also be utilized. As of 10/14/02 MCISD has been following an IPM program written for us by Rose Exterminator Company.

MCISD staff, located on campus, play a key role in our IPM program. In order for the IPM pest manager (Rose Exterminator Company) to control pests, he/she first needs to know about the pests. The staff's role is to **report** any pests or pest damage witnessed in the MCISD facilities to the custodial staff (extension 1230) or to the supervisor of buildings and grounds (extension 1345) immediately. Another role the staff is responsible for is the **food storage** in the classrooms. In order to prevent pests, food cleanup and storage is of the utmost importance. Food should be stored in a manner as to prevent pests from entering the building. This would also include **beverage storage**.

In the event a pesticide will need to be used in one of our facilities a posting will be made 24 hours prior to the application. The postings will be located in the lounges of each building located on the campus of MCISD. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students/staff, but a posting will be made immediately following such application.

An outline of the Rose Exterminator Company IPM program for MCISD can be viewed on our website (monroeisd.us). You can also view a detailed copy of our IPM program located in the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds office. Please provide a written request prior to viewing. If you have any questions concerning the IPM program please feel free to call the Supervisor of Transportation, Buildings, and Grounds at extension 1345.

Thank you,

Eric Hoogendoorn
Supervisor of Transportation,
Buildings, and Grounds