

IPM Information Sheet for Staff, Faculty, Students, and Parents

Integrated Pest Management

It is the policy of this school district to control pest problems in a way that poses the least hazard to human health and the environment. Therefore, we have adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program in compliance with Illinois state law. IPM is a pest control program that combines prevention, non-chemical pest control methods, and the appropriate use of pesticides with preference for products that are least harmful to human health and the environment. By addressing and correcting the root causes of pest problem, IPM can provide long-term, economical pest control while minimizing the potential risk posed by frequent pesticide applications.

How Can I Help?

We are asking for your cooperation with our IPM program! The success of IPM depends on the involvement of many individuals. Students, teachers, school staff, administration, and parents are all participants in the IPM program. Together we can help reduce pest problems and pesticide applications.

You can have a positive impact on our district's goals to reduce pest problems by doing the following and encouraging others to do the same:

- Report pest sightings to a teacher or staff member
- Clean up leftover or spilled food and beverages immediately
- Store food, including animal food, in tightly sealed containers in designated areas
- Keep refrigerators, vending machines, and microwaves clean and free of spills
- Do not prop open window screens or doors that could allow pests to enter school buildings
- Remove trash daily
- Keep areas dry and report leaks
- Include information on pest ecology, pesticides, and IPM in appropriate curriculum
- Do not pressure school staff to apply pesticides; there are other effective means of controlling pest problems
- Do not tamper with sticky traps, bait stations, bait boxes, and traps laid out to monitor or kill pests

If you have any questions concerning the IPM program, please phone Paris Union School District No. 95 Maintenance office (463-3110) or the Superintendent's office (465-8448).