



STONE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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POLICY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Title: Integrated Pest Management

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PURPOSE

Stone Valley Community Charter School (“Charter School”) shall utilize integrated pest management procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

AUTHORITY

1. 22 PA Code 4.12
2. 24 P.S. 772.1
3. 3 P.S. 111.21 et seq
4. 7 PA Code 128.1 et seq

DEFINITIONS

Integrated Pest Management is defined as the coordinated use of pest and environmental information to design and implement pest control methods that are economically, environmentally and socially sound.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Director of Operations or his/her designee shall be responsible to implement integrated pest management procedures and to coordinate communications between the Charter School and the approved contractor.

The Director of Operations or his/her designee shall be responsible to annually notify parents and guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds.

GUIDELINES

Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and site appropriate pesticides.

An integrated pest management decision shall consist of the following five (5) steps:

1. Pest species identification.
2. Estimate pest populations and compare to established action thresholds.
3. Select the appropriate management tactics based on current on-site information.
4. Assess effectiveness of pest management.
5. Keep appropriate records.

When pesticide applications are scheduled in school buildings and on school grounds, the Charter School shall provide notification in accordance with law, including:

1. Posting a pest control sign in an appropriate area.
2. Providing the pest control information sheet to all individuals working in the school building.
3. Providing required notice to all parents and guardians of students or to a list of parents and guardians who have requested notification of individual applications of pesticides.

Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the Charter School may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any parent and guardian who has requested such notification.

The Charter School shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the Charter School's office.

TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH THE SCHOOL'S CHARTER AND/OR APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS AND/OR CHARTER CONTROL.

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