

1-04-139. **Pest Management.**

Structural and landscape pests, and pesticides can pose significant problems to people, property, and the environment. It is therefore the policy of Culbertson Schools to adopt Pest Management Procedures (PMP) for control of structural and landscape pests. Pests are populations of living organisms that interfere with the human purposes for the school. PMP are influenced by the pest species and the threat posed to people, property, and the environment. PMP will strive to:

- A. reduce any potential human health hazard or threat to public safety;
- B. prevent loss or damage to school structures or property;
- C. prevent pests from spreading beyond the school site; and
- D. enhance the quality of life for students, staff, and others.

PMP will determine when to control pests and will depend on current information on the pest and environment in determining control method(s). PMP will prevent unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage by the most economical means with the least threat to people property and the environment.

The application of pesticides is subject to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (7 USC 136 et seq); the Montana Pesticide Acts and Administrative Rules (MCA 80-8-101 to 306, and ARM 4.10.101 to 1708); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations in 40 CFR; Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations; and Culbertson School District Policy.

Culbertson School will have a PMP oversight committee comprised of the custodial staff in consultation with the superintendent and Board. Staff, students, custodians, and the public will be educated about school pest problems and the PMP policy used to achieve pest management. Current and accurate records of pesticide use shall be kept on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency. A record shall also be maintained to verify the need for pesticide applications.

Culbertson Schools will notify parents and the staff of upcoming pesticide treatments by posted notice. Pesticides will be stored in an area not accessible to students or unauthorized personnel, and will be disposed in accordance with state regulations. Pesticides applicators will be trained in PMP, and they will follow regulations and label precautions. Contract applicators must be certified through the Montana Department of Agriculture and comply with District PMP.

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