
I. PURPOSE

Athlos Academy of Utah is committed to utilizing safe Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies that minimize in school buildings or on school grounds the presence of pests that are vectors for disease, carry allergens that are likely to affect individuals with allergies or respiratory problems, or may sting or bite causing mild to serious reactions in some individuals.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Integrated Pest Management (IPM): An ecologically-based management strategy that provides long-term solutions to pest problems with minimum impact on human health and the environment. Programs are heavily reliant upon pest prevention through good sanitation and mechanical means such as pest-proofing buildings.

III. POLICY

- A. The Lead School Administrator shall designate an individual or a contractor as the school's IPM coordinator.
1. If a contractor is utilized, the Lead School Administrator or designee shall serve as the contact person for the school regarding IPM policies and practices.
- B. Pest management remediation should be based on the results of regular inspections and monitoring.
- C. Pest management practices should aim to minimize harm to people, property, and the environment.
- D. Athlos Academy of Utah shall have a written IPM plan that covers the following topics:
1. An IPM policy statement;
 2. IPM implementation and education;
 3. Pest identification, monitoring procedures, reporting and control practices;
 4. Approved pesticides;
 5. Procedures for pesticide use;

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6. A policy for the notification of students, parents, and staff; and
 7. Applicator requirements
- E. Pest management practices should minimize the usage of chemical control and management methods by first considering, as appropriate:
1. Identification and removal or repair of conditions that are conducive to pests;
 2. Structural repair and sealing;
 3. Improved sanitation;
 4. Removal of clutter or harborage;
 5. Elimination of food sources;
 6. Exclusionary measures to protect doors, windows and any other opening to the outside against the entrance of insects, rodents, and other animals; and
 7. No-action in cases where the pest has no public health or property damage significance.
- F. Pesticide Applications:
1. If school personnel apply pesticides, they shall follow Utah Dept. of Agriculture pesticide regulation R68-7 and shall apply all products according to the pesticide label directions.
 2. Pesticides should not be applied in a routine manner and should only be considered if an active pest infestation is confirmed.
 3. Restrict pesticide products to those with an EPA “Caution” label or a specified “Green List” of allowable pesticides.
 4. Pesticides shall not be applied when children are present at the facility, unless in an emergency situation, in which case children shall not return to the treated area within two hours of a pesticide application or as specified on the pesticide label, whichever time is greater.
 5. Except in the case of emergencies, parent/guardian(s) and staff shall be alerted at least three business days prior to pesticide applications.

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G. Pesticide application logs, pest sighting logs, and pesticide MSDS sheets shall be available for public inspection.

H. Head Lice Policy:

1. Athlos Academy of Utah understands that pesticide applications to the facility for head lice are ineffective, and thus are prohibited by this policy.
2. An informational fact sheet on head lice will be provided for staff, teachers, and parents, which shall include information on non-chemical control options (combs, etc.).

I. This policy does not apply to:

1. Germicides, disinfectants, bactericides, sanitizing agents, water purifiers and swimming pool chemicals used in normal cleaning activities;
2. Personal insect repellents applied to the person with parental consent; or
3. Manufactured enclosed pesticides and crack and crevice application of gel baits, where students do not have access to the bait;

Legal References:

[Utah Admin R392-200](#)