

Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice For School Year 2007-2008

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Hamburg School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that focuses on non-chemical prevention of pest populations utilizing physical, sanitation, exclusion and cultural practices. These practices are explained further in the schools IPM Policy.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for the school district is:

Name of IPM Coordinator: Robert Zierden
Business Phone number: 973-827-7570
Business Address: 30 Linwood Avenue, Hamburg, NJ 07419

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan the Hamburg School District may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

A copy of the school district's IPM policy as well as a list of pesticides contemplated for use under the program guidelines may be viewed at the Buildings & Grounds Office.