

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT (AB2260)

The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 establishes the right-to-know procedures for pesticide and herbicide use in California public schools, and mandated using least toxic pest management methods as state policy. The Healthy Schools Act requires that schools post warning signs, keep pest management records, provide notifications to parents and staff, and maintain a list of parents desiring further notifications.

Definition of IPM according to the Healthy Schools Act (AB2260)

Integrated pest management means a pest management strategy that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems through a combination of techniques such as monitoring for pest presence and establishing treatment threshold levels, using nonchemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest development, improving sanitation, and employing mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment, are used only after careful monitoring indicates they are needed according to pre-established guidelines and treatment thresholds.