

Child Care Center Integrated Pest Management Plan

When completed, this template meets the Healthy Schools Act requirement for an integrated pest management (IPM) plan. An IPM plan is required if a child care center uses pesticides¹.

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IPM statement

It is the goal of The White Pony/The Meher Schools to implement IPM by focusing on long-term prevention or suppression of pests through accurate pest identification, by frequent monitoring for pest presence, by applying appropriate action levels, and by making the habitat less conducive to pests using sanitation and mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that are effective will be used in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment, and only after other options have been shown ineffective.

Our pest management objectives are to: *(Example: Focus on long-term pest prevention)*

Focus on long-term pest prevention and minimize use of pesticides.

IPM team

In addition to the IPM Coordinator, other individuals who are involved in purchasing, making IPM decisions, applying pesticides, and complying with the Healthy Schools Act requirements, include:

Name and/or Title	Role in IPM program
Benedict Clark	Buildings & Grounds; interim co-coordinator
Vince d'Assis	Co-Principal
Scott Wallace	Purchasing Agent
Susie Kohl	Preschool Director
Emily Karakashian	Staff training; interim co-coordinator

Pest management contracting

- Pest management services are contracted to a licensed pest control business.
Pest Control Business name(s): California Exterminating
- Prior to entering into a contract, the child care center has confirmed that the pest control business understands the training requirement and other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act.

Pest identification, monitoring and inspection

Pest Identification is done by: maintenance staff and pest control business as needed

(Example: College/University staff, Pest Control Business, etc.)

Monitoring and inspecting for pests and conditions that lead to pest problems are done regularly by maintenance staff and results are communicated to the IPM Coordinator.

Specific information about monitoring and inspecting for pests, such as locations, times, or techniques include:

(Example: Sticky monitoring boards are placed in the kitchen and are checked weekly by custodial staff.)

Teachers inspect play yards weekly using a checklist and turn in requests to Buildings and Grounds if action is needed. Classrooms are cleaned each school day. Staff and volunteers work in gardens most school days and note any pests.

Pests and non-chemical management practices

This child care center has identified the following pests and routinely uses the following non-chemical practices to prevent pests from reaching the action level:

Pest	Remove food	Fix leaks	Seal cracks	Install barriers	Physical removal	Traps	Manage irrigation	Other
gophers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Owl boxes
ants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Self-contained ant baits
spiders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Remove egg sacks, remove webs
rodents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Chemical pest management practices

If non-chemical methods are ineffective, the child care center will consider pesticides only after careful monitoring indicates that they are needed according to pre-established action levels and will use pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property and the environment.

This child care center expects the following pesticides (pesticide products and active ingredients) to be applied during the year. (This list includes pesticides that will be applied by child care center staff or licensed pest control businesses.):

California Exterminating (licensed pest control business) uses products exempt from the Healthy Schools Act. School staff do not anticipate using pesticides or herbicides. If school staff do determine pesticides are needed after monitoring, pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are approved for school use will be applied.

Healthy Schools Act

- This child care center complies with the notification, posting, recordkeeping, and all other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act. (Education Code Sections 17608 - 17613, 48980.3; Food & Agricultural Code Sections 13180 - 13188)

Training

Every year child care center employees who make pesticide applications receive the following training prior to pesticide use:

- Pesticide specific safety training (Title 3 California Code of Regulations 6724)
- School IPM training course approved by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (Education Code Section 16714; Food & Agricultural Code Section 13186.5).

Submittal of pesticide use reports

- Reports of all pesticides applied by center staff during the calendar year, except pesticides exempt¹ from HSA recordkeeping, are submitted to the Department of Pesticide Regulation at least annually, by January 30 of the following year, using the form provided at www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm. (Education Code Section 16711)

Notification

This child care center has made this IPM plan publicly available by the following methods (check at least one):

- This IPM plan can be found online at the following web address: www.meherschoolsparents.org
- This IPM plan is sent out to all parents, guardians and staff annually.

Review

- This IPM plan will be reviewed (and revised, if needed) at least annually to ensure that the information provided is still true and correct.

Date of next review: 8/7/2020

I acknowledge that I have reviewed this child care center's IPM Plan and it is true and correct.

Signature: 

Date 8/7/2019

¹ These pesticides are exempt from all Healthy Schools Act requirements, except the training requirement: 1) products used in self-contained baits or traps, 2) gels or pastes used as crack and crevice treatments, 3) antimicrobials, and 4) pesticides exempt from U.S. EPA registration. (Education Code Section 17610.5)