

## Basic Steps in IPM Implementation

Identify key staff to oversee IPM Policy

Create a chain of Communications between members

Ensure at least one Go-To person for each school

Name one Go-To person at the District Level as IPM Coordinator

Identify responsibilities of facility and grounds staff

Identify any outside PM contractors who will deal with pests on your district property

Request a written protocol from your PM contractor, emphasizing scouting, monitoring and prevention rather than reliance on chemicals

Expect key IPM personnel to participate in IPM trainings and make use of online resources

Promote in-house trainings

Promote monthly discussions regarding pest activity, expected activity and news on IPM issues

Use recordkeeping

Keep all records, including pesticide use in easy access in one well known area, and managed by the IPM Coordinator

Establish communication protocol for other school staff, teachers, administration, building and field users from the community

Have a written emergency policy in place for (examples) stinging insect activity, or limiting use of an athletic field when turf is overstressed

Have a written policy in place for the use of food or snacks in classrooms and other rooms not intentionally created for food consumption

Make your district's IPM protocols known to any building or grounds users from your community

Promote education regarding pests and Integrated Pest Management

Establish cultural practices for specific areas in buildings, on grounds and along the exteriors of the schools

Create and use maps for both indoor areas and outdoor areas, and not any pest concerns as part of your recordkeeping

Clearly understand the pesticide use laws in your state and municipality; ignorance of them is not an excuse

Use success stories of IPM, as well as the concerns about pesticide use, pests and children's health as ways to raise the level of awareness

Use IPM success stories to request funding for IPM cultural methods which represent a change in previous years' budget

Research cultural changes that will reduce pest pressure in future years as part of building and field renovations