



BULLETIN

SUBJECT: HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT - INTEGRATED PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS **2024-25 NO. BS - 3**

TO: All School Sites and Departments

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The California Healthy Schools Act defines the requirements for the use of pesticides at school sites and childcare centers. Effective July 1, 2016, all district employees are required to have training before applying pesticides. Therefore, the District must comply with the mandated training and provide for the safety of the students, families, and staff we serve. The requirements apply to all school and childcare staff, pest management professionals, and the Department of Pesticide Regulation.

The Healthy Schools Act also encourages schools and child care centers to adopt effective, low-risk pest management practices. The district's practices are included in the Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

What is a Pesticide? Pesticides refer not only to insecticides, but include other kinds of chemicals. Under state and federal law, a pesticide is any substance intended to control, destroy, repel, or attract a pest. Some common pesticides include disinfectants, repellents, insecticides, herbicides, and plant growth regulators.

The mandated training is provided online through the District's training portal, Public School Works. Public School Works is accessible online at <http://www.publicschoolworks.com/>.