

## Pest Control Policy

The Shoals Community School Corporation is committed to providing students a safe environment. It seeks to prevent children from being exposed to pests and pesticides. While pesticides protect children from pests that may be found in the school and its surrounding grounds, under some circumstances they may pose a hazard to children. Therefore, pest control practices may involve a variety of chemical and non-chemical methods that are designed to control pests effectively while minimizing potential pesticide exposure to children.

**Pesticides will be applied by certified pesticide applicators and when students and staff members are not present such as during non-instructional time or school vacation periods.**

The corporation will:

1. Inform annually parents and staff members of the corporation's pest control policy as a provision in the student handbook.
2. Provide the name and phone number of the person to contact for information regarding pest control.
3. Establish a registry of parents and staff members who want to receive advance notice of all pesticide use and provide such notice.
4. Provide notice of planned pesticide applications to parents and employees who have requested advanced notice.
5. Provide notice of all pesticide applications to school nurses.
6. Maintain written record for at least two years of any pesticide applications. The corporation will provide notice at least two school days prior to the date and time the pesticide application is to occur. The notice will include name or address of the school, applicator information, the date and time of the pesticide application, pests being targeted, the general area where the pesticide is to be applied, pesticide (s), and the amount of pesticide. -

Advanced notice is not required for the following pesticide applications: 1) When used in normal cleaning activities: germ killers, disinfectants, sanitizing agents, and swimming pool chemicals; 2) personal insect repellants when self-applied; and 3) gel baits or manufactured enclosed insecticides when used where students and staff members do not have access to the insecticides; 4) immediate student health threat situations (i.e. stinging wasps and bees); 5) areas completely away from student-occupied buildings and areas; 6) those made more than 48 hours before a scheduled school day.

In case of emergency pesticide applications because of immediate threat to the public health, the school shall give written notice as soon as possible.

The corporation may provide for training of school employees to become certified pesticide applicators. Financial support for such training may be provided by the corporation subject to budgetary constraints of the corporation.

The Superintendent shall prepare and disseminate regulations for the implementation of this policy. To be included in the notification registry, contact the Superintendent's Office at 812-247-2060.