

# Carmel Central School District

## Integrated Pest Management Policy

### (IPM)

**The Carmel Central School District has developed a written policy on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) that complies with New York State Pest Management Regulations, as contained in section 409-H of New York State Education Law and Part 155 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.**

**1.** Pesticides will only be used as a last resort when other methods have proved unsuccessful. When necessary only least toxic and pest specific pesticides will be used. Aerosol products will be used only for public health emergencies such as those involving bees and wasps. Sanitation, housekeeping and the use of baits, traps, and the like is the preferred method to rid our buildings of pests.

**2. Pest identification** – The current and/or potential presence of pests needs to be determined prior to treatment.

**3. Inspections and Monitoring** – Regular inspections and monitoring of our buildings will be conducted by the Carmel Central School District custodial staff and a private pesticide control firm. Monitoring devices have been placed in our buildings and are checked for pest activity.

**4. Sanitation and Housekeeping** – The daily cleaning of our buildings by district personnel helps in preventing the use of pesticides. The storage, preparation, and consumption of food is limited to designated areas only, i.e. cafeterias, kitchens, faculty rooms and custodial break rooms. Food is not to be consumed or stored in any classrooms, lockers, desks or any non-approved area. In designated food areas all food and beverages must be stored in tightly sealed containers. Any trash that contains food must be disposed of promptly. Students and staff must cleanup after themselves and properly dispose of leftover food.

**5. Record Keeping** – The following information is maintained in each school building:

- Pesticide applicators name
- Applicators license information
- Material Safety Data Sheets
- Location of any applications
- Amount of pesticide used
- Pest sighting logs

Copies of this policy can be found in the following locations:

**Head Custodian Office**

**Main Office of each school building**

**Director of Facilities and Operations Office**

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