

**SOMERSWORTH**

**FAE**

### **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**

The Somersworth School District will use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs and procedures to manage pest populations adequately. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by the pest species and the degree to which that population poses a threat to people, property or the environment. IPM procedures will determine when to control pests, and whether to use physical, horticultural or biological means.

Pests will be managed to:

- Reduce any potential human health hazard or to protect against a significant threat to public safety
- Prevent loss or damage to school resources, structures or property
- Prevent pests from spreading to the community, or to plant and animal populations beyond the school site
- Enhance the quality of life for students, staff, and others

Records will be kept so that programs and practices can be evaluated in order to improve the system and to eliminate ineffective and unnecessary treatment

The district will notify students' parents or guardians and school staff of upcoming treatments, which involve a pesticide.

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