

MSAD 59

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

ANNUAL INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) NOTIFICATION

In order to comply with CMR-1-026 Chapter 27, *The Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools*, MSAD 59 uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Because pesticides pose risk, our goal is to protect every student and employee from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management.

What is IPM (Integrated Pest Management)?

Control of insects, rodents, and weeds at our school focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable place for pests to live and breed. Through maintenance and cleaning, we will reduce or eliminate available food and water sources and hiding places for the pests. We will also routinely monitor the school area to detect pest problems and prevent the pests from becoming established. Some techniques we will use include pest monitoring, sanitation, pest exclusion, proper food storage, pest removal and, as a last resort, pesticides. This approach is called Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

Pesticide Use

Sometimes pesticide use may be necessary to control a pest problem. When that happens, the lowest risk products available will be used. If higher risk pesticides must be used, notices will be posted at application sites and parents, guardians, and staff have a right to know.

Your Right to Know

Parents, legal guardians, and school staff will be notified of specific pesticide applications made at the school. Notification will be given at least five (5) days before planned pesticide applications. Pesticide application notices will also be posted in the school and on school grounds. Notification does not need to be given for pesticide applications recognized by law to pose little or no risk of exposure to students or staff.

The school also keeps records of prior pesticide applications and information about the pesticides used. You may review these records as well as a copy of *The Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools*, CMR –1-026 Chapter 27, by contacting our IPM coordinator, Christopher LeBlanc, at Madison Area Memorial High School, 486 Main Street, Madison, Maine, (207) 696-3395.

If you would like to review the IPM policy that MSAD 59 has adopted, you may view it on our website at sad59.k12.me.us on the Administration Page, Policies, Policy ECB-2, or at any school in MSAD 59.

For further information about pests, pesticides, and your right to know, call the Board of Pesticides Control at (207) 287-2731 or visit the Maine School IPM web site at www.thinkfirstspraylast.org/schoolipm.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIAL

Some of the buildings in MSAD #59 are known to contain certain amounts of asbestos. All of the buildings have been inspected and are safe for occupancy of students and staff. We have written documents indicating the location of all these materials as well as a plan for the management.

This plan is available for inspection at the Superintendent's Office at 55 Weston Avenue, Madison, or you may call 696-3323.

WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Colder weather will be upon us soon. Please be advised that MSAD 59 will not allow students without clothing appropriate for the weather to board our buses to be transported to school or to school functions. With the outside temperatures cooling and winter weather with temperatures in the single numbers and wind chill at minus numbers, it quickly becomes dangerously cold. MSAD 59 simply cannot and will not accept the responsibility for the safety of students who attempt to ride on our buses during cold weather clad in tank tops, shorts, or other warm season clothing.

Parents are asked to ensure that students are properly dressed for the weather and to explain to students the rationale for this expectation. If a bus breaks down or leaves the road or is in some other way disabled, it might be several hours before assistance arrives. In the meantime, MSAD 59 cannot guarantee protection from the weather and cold, and students would have to rely on their own garments to protect them and stay warm. During the colder months, in the event of a boiler breakdown or other heating system failure, buildings cool down rapidly. In those instances, students should also be prepared with sufficient clothing to withstand the cold.

For the reasons stated above, students will not be allowed to board MSAD 59 buses in summer type clothing that leaves arms and/or legs bare during the colder weather months. Rather, students will be expected to cooperate with the expectation of appropriate attire for the colder weather months for their own safety and comfort.

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ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate.

Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the School principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of their right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
4. The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School District to comply with requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
US Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605