

NOBEL LEARNING COMMUNITIES, INC.
SCHOOL PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Structural and landscape pests can pose significant hazards to people, property and the environment. Pesticides can also pose hazards to people, property and the environment. It is therefore the policy of Nobel Learning Communities, Inc. ("NLCI"), d/b/a Chesterbrook Academy, to incorporate Integrated Pest Management ("IPM") procedures for control of structural and landscape pests.

Pests

Pests are populations of living organisms (animal, plants or microorganisms) that interfere with the human purposes for the school site. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by the pest species and any threat they pose to people, property and the environment.

Pest Management

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 structures or property;
- Prevent pests from spreading in the community or to plant and animal populations beyond the site;
- Enhance the quality of life for students, staff and others.

Integrated Pest Management Procedures

IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical cultural or biological means. IPM practitioners depend on current, comprehensive information on the pest and its environment and the best available pest control methods. Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage by most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

The choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options alone are not acceptable or not feasible. Selected non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible. It is the policy of NLCI to utilize IPM principles to manage pest populations adequately. The full range of alternative, including no action, will be considered.

When it is determined that a pesticide must be used to meet important management goals, the least hazardous* material will be chosen. The application of such pesticides is subject to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (7 USC 136 et seq.). NLCI policies and procedures, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regulations in 40 CFR, Occupational, Safety and Health Administration regulations, and state and local regulations.

Education

Staff, students, pest managers and the public will be educated about potential school pest problems and the IPM policies and procedures to be used to achieve the desired pest management objectives.

Record-keeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency. Records must be current and accurate if IPM is to work. Additionally, pest surveillance data sheets, which record the number of pests or other indicators of pest populations, are to be maintained to verify the need for treatments.

Notification

NLCI takes the responsibility to notify all students' parents or guardians and the school staff of upcoming pesticide treatments *at least 48 hours in advance*. Notice will be posted in designated areas and sent home with students.

Pesticide Storage and Purchase

Pesticide purchases will be limited to the amount authorized for available use during the year. Pesticides will be stored and disposed of in accordance with the USEPA-registered label directions and state regulations. Pesticides must be stored in an appropriate, secure site not accessible to students or unauthorized personnel.

Pesticide Applicators

Pesticide applicators must be educated and trained in the principals and practices of IPM and the use of pesticides approved by NLCI, and they must follow regulations and label precautions. NLCI requires that applicators be certified.

*Precautionary statements are required on all pesticide labels. Signal words on each label indicate the level of acute toxicity of the pesticide product (see below). The chronic toxicity is not indicated on the label. Every label bears the child hazard warning: Keep Out of Reach of Children.

DANGER – A taste to a teaspoonful taken by mouth could kill an average-sized adult.

WARNING – A teaspoon to an ounce taken by mouth could kill an average-sized adult.

CAUTION – An ounce to over a pint taken by mouth could kill an average-sized adult.

I have read and understand Nobel's Integrated Pest Management Policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Child(ren)'s Name(s)