

# POLICY: PEST MANAGEMENT

J PAUL TAYLOR ACADEMY

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## I. Purpose

J. Paul Taylor Academy (JPTA) will ensure that a responsible pest management program is implemented at the school. This policy establishes pest management practices and restrictions.

## II. Notification of Pesticide Application

At the beginning of each year, and when new students register, JPTA will develop a list of parents and guardians who wish to be notified prior to pesticide application during the school year. These parents/guardians will be notified in writing prior to pesticide application. In emergency cases where a pest infestation threatens the health or safety of JPTA students or staff, no pre-notification is required. Immediately following the application of a pesticide in emergency cases, signs will be posted indicating an application was made.

## III. Application of Pesticides

Pesticides will only be applied in or on the outside of the school building when a pest is present, and will not be applied on a regular or calendar basis unless it is to treat an infestation and is a part of a pest management system being implemented to address a particular target pest. A pest is considered to be present when it is observed directly or can reasonably be expected to be present based on finding evidence, such as droppings, body parts, or damage that is typically done by the pest.

## IV. Restrictions

No pesticide shall be applied to JPTA school grounds and no pest control device, as defined in the New Mexico Pesticide Control Act, may be used on JPTA grounds except those pesticides and devices currently registered for legal use in the state by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA).

No pesticide may be applied on JPTA school grounds except by those persons certified in the applicable category and currently licensed by the NMDA or by employees under their direct supervision.

Pesticides that are applied in a liquid, aerosolized, or gaseous form through spraying, aerosol cans, bombs, fumigation or injections into the ground, foundation or plants will not be applied on JPTA school grounds when students, staff or visitors are present, or may reasonably be expected to be present within 6 hours of the application. In emergency cases, where a pest infestation threatens the health or safety of the occupants of the school, and which requires the immediate application of a pesticide to remediate, students, staff and other school occupants will be removed from the

treatment area prior to the application. Small amounts of gel or liquid pesticides applied to cracks and crevices or baits used to treat pest infestation are exempt.

Written records of pesticide applications will be kept for three years at the school and be available upon request to parents, guardians, students, teachers, and staff.

Legal Reference: 6.29.1.9(O) NMAC