

SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)

Facilities, Grounds, and Equipment

7405: Pesticides, Herbicides, and Fertilizers

Policy

The Board of School Trustees recognizes that it has a responsibility to control insect infestations and weeds on school property. In so doing, wherever practical, the Board requires that alternative methods of insect and weed control be used rather than through the use of chemicals.

This policy is applicable to general application on School Board owned lands of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.

Regulations

The Board recognizes, however, that from time to time it may be necessary to use chemicals. When this is done, use shall be in accordance with local, Provincial, and Federal legislation and in accordance with the following regulations:

1. An annual spraying program will be prepared and must have the prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools before being carried out.
2. Employees involved in the application shall be certified in compliance with existing legislation and shall hold appropriate licences and permits.
3. Areas subject to application will be well posted at least 48 hours in advance and at least 48 hours following the application.
4. The Regional District/City Recreation Department, parents, students, janitorial, and custodial staff will be given at least 48 hours notice that an application is to take place.
5. The Regional District/City Recreation Department and schools are to be given detailed information on the chemicals to be applied. This information will be provided to parents on request.
6. Herbicide and insecticide applications will be carried out only when the schools will not be in session for the 48 hours following the application.
7. Chemicals will only be used in accordance with the manufacturers' directions.

