



## **SECTION 4000: FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND EQUIPMENT**

### **POLICY 4030: PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES**

- *Date Adopted: June 12, 2013*
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#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board recognizes that it has a responsibility to control insect infestations and weeds on school property. Whenever possible, non-chemical control methods will be used.

#### **LEGISLATION**

- Federal:
  - *Fertilizers Act;*
  - *Pesticide Residue Compensation Act;*
  - *Pest Control Products Act and Regulations;*
  - *Food and Drugs Act*
- Provincial:
  - *BC Integrated Pest Management Act;*
  - *Order in Council, December 31, 2004;*
  - *BC Environmental Management Act and Regulations;*
  - *Workers Compensation Board Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*
- Local:
  - *City of Terrace Bylaw 1978-2011: A Bylaw for the City of Terrace to Regulate the Use of Pesticides for Non-Essential Purposes (Cosmetic Use) Within the Municipality*

#### **POLICY**

The Board recognizes that from time to time it may be necessary to use chemical pesticides and herbicides. When this is done, such use shall be in accordance with local, provincial, and federal legislation and in accordance with the regulations in this policy. This policy is applicable to general application of pesticides and herbicides on all school district properties.



### **PROCEDURES**

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 posted at least 48 hours in advance and at least 48 hours following the application.
4. The Regional District, all municipalities, school district staff and the public will be given at least 48 hours' notice that an application is to take place.
5. The Regional District, all municipalities 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 school properties involved will not be used by schools or the public for the 48 hours following the application.
7. Chemicals will only be used in accordance with the manufacturers' directions.