

THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Identify school designee

- also known as the IPM Coordinator
- choose a person (at the school or district level) to make sure that the requirements of the Healthy Schools Act (HSA) are met

Provide annual written notification*

- send all parents and staff a written notification of pesticide products expected to be applied at school sites during the coming year
- provide product name, active ingredient, and DPR's School IPM Web site¹
- if you hire a Pest Control Business, include any pesticides they use
- if a product not included in the annual notification is used, give written notification to all parents and staff at least 72 hours before application

Establish individual notification registry

- allow all parents and staff the opportunity to register to be notified before each pesticide application throughout the year
- notify everyone on the registry about individual pesticide applications at least 72 hours before each application
- provide product name, active ingredient, and intended date of application

Post warning signs*

- post warning signs at each area where pesticides will be applied
- post at least 24 hours before and leave up at least 72 hours after an application
- signs must read "*Warning-Pesticide Treated Area*", include product name, manufacturer's name, scheduled date and areas of application, and reason for application
- make signs visible to anyone entering the treated area

Keep records*

- keep records of all pesticide applications for four years at each schoolsite
- records must include product name, manufacturer's name, U.S. EPA registration number, date and areas of application, reason for application, and amount used
- make records available to the public when requested

Don't use prohibited pesticides

- pesticides on the *List of Pesticide Products Prohibited from Use in Schools and Child Care Facilities* cannot be used on school sites
- this list is posted on the School IPM Web site¹ and updated quarterly by DPR
- always check this list prior to using a new pesticide product

*The HSA exempts certain types of reduced-risk pesticides from the notification, posting, and recordkeeping requirements. These reduced-risk pesticides include self-contained baits or traps, gels or pastes used for crack-and-crevice treatments, antimicrobials, and pesticides exempt from registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). To determine whether a product is exempt, or not, read the label carefully, and consult DPR's *Exempt Pesticides Worksheet* on the School IPM Web site¹.

¹Visit DPR's School IPM Web site: <http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/> for more detailed information about the HSA, as well as sample forms for meeting the requirements of the HSA.