**Safe Pest Management Practices for Schools**  
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Roaches, rats and mice in school? No parent wants to hear those words unless their children are describing science class. Unfortunately, unwanted infestations can happen anywhere. School Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is about the non-chemical approach to solving pest problems. However, if a pesticide is warranted it should be done responsibly and in strict accordance with label directions. Only pesticides having the least risk to people and the environment can be used in a school IPM program. The law demands a better solution! IPM uses a combination of safe, effective pest management techniques to eliminate insect or rodent infestations and prevent future problems. Here are just a few great reasons to use the IPM approach in schools:

- **It’s a great money-saving strategy for schools with tight budgets.** In the past, schools often paid for monthly applications, whether needed or not. IPM minimizes the use of expensive chemicals by combining a variety of other management techniques such as monitoring pest populations, sanitation, structural maintenance and physical, mechanical and biological controls.

- **It’s safer for kids - and adults too!** Young children are very sensitive to pesticide exposure because of their unique metabolisms and tendency to put things in their mouths. Teachers and parents may also suffer harmful effects. Implementing IPM reduces everyone’s potential contact with toxic chemicals.

- **It’s good for your business.** If you are a Certified Pesticide Applicator or Health Officer/Registered Environmental Health Specialist, understanding how to use the IPM approach can be your biggest selling point to potential clients and institutions.

- **It’s the law.** New Jersey’s 2002 School Integrated Pest Management Act requires schools to minimize their use of pesticides/rodenticides and to adopt an IPM policy consistent with guidelines issued by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

Learn how to take advantage of all the benefits of IPM in this one-day course. You will learn how to manage pests in a way that minimizes health risks while still complying with New Jersey’s strict regulations. You will also learn that implementing an effective school IPM program is a team effort. With its emphasis on monitoring and recordkeeping, IPM requires trained pest control professionals to work closely with school administrators, custodians, food service managers and groundskeepers. To be successful, everyone involved should be trained in the goals and strategies of an IPM program.

### You will also learn to:

- **Stay on the right side of the law.** We’ll give you all the details of NJ’s School Integrated Pest Management Act and teach you how to know that you’re in compliance.

- **Design and implement an IPM program in any school.** This step-by-step review will include special considerations required for schools, including the cafeteria, locker rooms, student lounges and grounds. You’ll also get valuable IPM reporting forms to use in planning your program.

- **Incorporate crucial IPM requirements into your bid specifications.** Without the right bid specs, an IPM plan is just another piece of paper.

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