

What School District and Child Care Staff Need To Know About the Latest Healthy Schools Act Amendments

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On September 29, 2014, Governor Brown signed into law Senate Bill 1405 (DeSaulnier). This bill makes amendments to the Healthy Schools Act (HSA) which go into effect on January 1, 2015. These amendments¹ are in addition to the current requirements. Under the new law, **schoolsites (licensed child care centers and public K-12 schools)** must meet three new requirements, briefly described below. DPR will be sending more details about the three requirements in the coming months.

Starting January 1, 2015, if you plan to apply pesticides that are not exempt², you must do the following:

1. Develop an Integrated Pest Management Plan

Use the integrated pest management (IPM) plan template³ provided by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to develop an IPM plan for your schoolsite or school district. The IPM plan must be posted on the district's or schoolsite's Web site, or, if no Web site exists, sent out to all parents, guardians, and staff with the annual pesticide notice. The template will be available on the DPR School IPM Web site in January 2015.

2. Report Pesticide Use

Send pesticide use reports not less than annually to DPR for pesticides that are not exempt² that are applied by school employees. DO NOT report pesticide applications performed by hired applicators; DPR already receives these reports directly from the pest control business. Reports are due no later than January 30 for the previous calendar year's data and must be submitted on a form provided by DPR. The first reports are due January 30, 2016, and will include use from January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2015. The form will be available on the DPR School IPM Web site in January 2015.

After July 1, 2016, you must do the following if you apply **any** pesticide:

3. Receive IPM Training

Complete DPR-approved training in school IPM and in the safe use of pesticides in relation to the unique nature of schools and children's health **before** applying a pesticide. Each schoolsite's IPM coordinator and all school or child care center employees or any other unlicensed person who will be applying pesticides must receive this HSA training annually. The approved courses that meet this HSA requirement will be listed on the DPR School IPM Web site when available but no later than spring of 2016.

Note: Professional applicators must also receive this DPR-approved training **before** applying a pesticide at a schoolsite.

Sign up for the School or Child Care IPM electronic mailing list for updates about these requirements.

<<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/listserv/listdesc.htm>>

¹Business and Professions Code Section 8593.2, Education Code Sections 17609-12, 17614, Food and Agriculture Code Sections 12996, 12999, 13181-13183, 13186-13187.

² Pesticides exempt from some Healthy Schools Act requirements are: 1) pesticides used in self-contained baits or traps, 2) gels or pastes used in crack and crevice treatments, 3) antimicrobials, and 4) pesticides that contain active and inert ingredients exempt from U.S. EPA registration
<http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/school_ipm_law/exempt_products.pdf>.

³Alternatively, a school or district may submit their own IPM plan to DPR for approval. Note that at a minimum it must include all the information required by DPR's template.