

KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OFFICE**BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS****INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT**

Structural and landscape pests can pose significant problems to people and the environment. Toxic pest control chemicals can also pose significant problems to people and the environment. It is, therefore, the policy of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for the control of structural and landscape pests. Pest problems will be managed by using IPM methods that reduce risk, are effective, and economically feasible. Pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment will be carefully evaluated before use and will only be used after careful monitoring indicates they are needed according to pre-established guidelines and treatment thresholds.

Integrated Pest Management means a pest management strategy that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems through a combination of techniques such as monitoring for pest presence and establishing treatment threshold levels, using nonchemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest development, improving sanitation, and employing mechanical and physical controls.