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Pathway to the Future

Healthy Schools Act (AB 2260) Policy Statement and Annual Parent Notification Letter

In compliance with California State law, Berryessa Union School District will adhere to the **Healthy Schools Act (AB 2260: Ed. Code 17612m 48980 and 48980.3)** practice and procedures to minimize pesticide/herbicides exposure to children, staff, and community will be emplaced in all district schools.

Pests

It is the practice of this school district to control pests in the school environment. Pests such as cockroaches, fleas, fire ants, stinging wasps, termites and rodents are annoying and can disrupt the learning environment in schools. Pests are known to bite, sting, or transmit diseases and may also cause allergic responses.

Pesticides/Herbicides

It is the practice of this school district to reduce exposure to pesticides and herbicides in the school environment. When pesticides or herbicides are used to control pests and weeds in schools, there is potential for human exposure. Excessive exposure may result in pesticide/herbicides poisoning or allergic responses in sensitive individuals. Children may be more susceptible to pesticides than adults due to their smaller size and rapid growth and development.

AB 2260, the Healthy Schools Act of 2000

- Non-chemical prevention of pest and weed populations is always preferred using such methods as sanitation, exclusion, and cultural practices.
- The selection and use of the least hazardous methods and materials effective for the control of targeted pests and weeds will be implemented.
- Application of pesticides will only be used “as needed” to correct verified problems.
- All parents and staff will be notified annually in writing of the anticipated pesticide/herbicide products and applications to be regularly used throughout the school year.
- A notice will be sent home with your child at least 72 hours prior to a pesticide application.
- Warning signs will be posted at all entrances to the School property twenty-four hours prior to regular pesticide/herbicide applications and will remain posted for seventy-two hours after the application.
- Active ingredients of all pesticides used by the School District and/or copies of AB 2260 may be obtained by written request to the Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, Miguel Cruz at the Berryessa Union School District, 1376 Piedmont Road, San Jose, CA 95132 or by contacting the California Department of Pesticide Regulation website, www.cdpr.ca.gov.
- In the event of an “emergency application of a pesticide to control a specific and documented problem, signs will be posted immediately and remain posted for seventy-two hours following the application procedure.

Success

The success of the **Healthy Schools Act (AB 2260)** in schools is dependent upon:

- The full cooperation of administrators, faculty, maintenance/custodial staff, parents, students and the community.
- The establishment of a District-wide coordinator and advisory committee.
- School-based safety committees that shall include pest management and pesticide policies and procedures as part of their agenda.
- Each school designating a staff member to coordinate the Healthy Schools Act and ensuring the maintenance of pest management records.

The Berryessa Union School District invites questions, concerns and suggestions from our parents, community, students and staff. All comments addressing the above noted practice should be addressed to the Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, Miguel Cruz (mcruz@busd.net) at (408) 923-1898, Berryessa Union School District, 945 Piedmont Rd. San Jose, CA 95132.

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Healthy Schools Act (AB 2260)

Notice to all students, parents/guardians and employees of the **Berryessa Union School District**:

Assembly Bill 2260 went into effect on January 1, 2001. This legislation enacted **Education Code Sections 17608 et seq.** which require, among other things, that school districts notify parents and staff about the use of pesticides at school. The purpose of this legislation is to reduce exposure to toxic pesticides through information and application of an integrated pest management system at schools. Towards this end, and pursuant to the requirements of this legislation, please be advised of the following:

The Berryessa Union School District expects to use of the following pesticides at its campuses during the 2019-2020 school year:

Berryessa Union School District Healthy Schools Act: List of Pesticides

NAME OF PESTICIDE	ACTIVE INGREDIENT(S)
Finale (Herbicide)	Glufosinate-Ammonium
Mirimichi Green PRO Weed Control (Herbicide)	Ammonium Nonanoate
Turflon Ester Ultra (Herbicide)	Triclopyr
Dimension 2EW (Herbicide)	Dithiopyr
Surflan Pro (Herbicide)	Oryzalin
Maxforce G (Insect Bait)	Hydramethylnon
PT Wasp-Freeze II (Insecticide)	Prallethrin
Avert DF (Dry Flowable Cockroach Bait)	Abamectin B1 and Related Compounds
Drione Dust (Insecticide)	Pyrethrins, Piperonyl Butoxide, Amorphous Silica Gel
Advance 375A (Granular Ant Bait)	Abamectin B1
CONTRAC All-Weather Blox (Rodenticide)	Bromadiolone
Suspend SC (Insecticide)	Deltamethrin
Onslaught (Insecticide)	Benzeneacetate
Advion Ant Gel (Insecticide)	Indoxacarb

Parents/guardians of the Berryessa Union School District can register with the Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, Miguel Cruz (mcruz@busd.net) to receive notifications of individual pesticide applications by calling (408) 923-1892. Persons who register for this notification shall be notified at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the application, except in emergencies, and will be provided the name and active ingredient(s) of the pesticide as well as the intended date of application.

You can find more information regarding these pesticides and pesticide use reduction at the Department of Pesticide Regulation's Web site at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>.

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