



Irvine Unified School District Progressive Pest Management Playbook

This document outlines the process Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) has followed in creating their Progressive Pest Management (PPM) program, along with an overview of key program elements.

1. Form a Pest Management Committee (PMC):
 - *Include the district PPM coordinator, key maintenance staff, parents, leaders from environmental health and pest control professions, and other stakeholders from the local community as practicable (e.g., city/county landscaping staff). Meet quarterly (at minimum).*
2. Create a Progressive Pest Management program (PPM):
 - *Develop with the PMC. Tailor to fit District needs and pest pressure thresholds. Emphasize prevention and non-chemical control methods over the use of pesticides, and restrict use to products approved in conjunction with the PMC (see chart below).*
3. Establish a timeline for implementation:
 - *Prioritize pest control needs, start trying different strategies, refine over time.*
4. Train staff and shift mindset to progressive pest management principles:
 - *Create and train staff on procedures specific to types of pests. Incorporate monitoring and threshold levels to reach before using successive control methods.*
5. Make the Progressive Pest Management program public:
 - *Share information not only about pesticide applications as required by regulations, but also share and advertise progressive or “green” actions that are being undertaken.*

IUSD Pesticide Ranking Categories		
Ranking Category	Methods/Criteria	Use Restrictions
<p style="text-align: center;">Preferred Methods</p>	<p>Green:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-chemical controls 2. CA HSA exempt pesticides 3. Very low hazard pesticides <p><i>Examples: housekeeping, sealing buildings, deterrents, pest removal, organic products.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-chemical practices to prevent or minimize development of conditions requiring intervention. • Use of approved products following specified procedures at discretion of trained staff.
<p style="text-align: center;">Emergency Exception</p>	<p>Red:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Low hazard pesticides 5. Moderate hazard pesticides 6. High hazard pesticides <p><i>Note: Reference San Francisco Environment criteria & Pesticide Research Institute database. Organic products preferred.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use only when necessary to protect public health and undue economic impact. • Use only after obtaining supervisor approval. • Notify PMC when high hazard products used. • Emergency exemption to address health threats that exceed determined thresholds.
<p style="text-align: center;">Banned</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determined by the PMC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibited from use.

IUSD’s PPM program and related resources can be found at: www.iusd.org/departments/maintenance-operations.