

# St. Charles Catholic School Pest Control Policy

St. Charles School is committed to providing students a safe environment. It seeks to prevent children from being exposed to pests and pesticides. While pesticides protect children from pests that may be found in the school and its surrounding grounds, under some circumstances they may pose a hazard to children. Therefore, pest control practices may involve a variety of chemical and non-chemical methods that are designed to control pests effectively while minimizing potential pesticide exposure to children.

This policy does not apply to the following pesticides:

- When used in normal cleaning activities: germ killers, disinfectants, sanitizing agents, water purifiers and swimming pool chemicals;
- Personal insect repellents when self applied;
- Gel baits or manufactured, enclosed insecticides when used where students and staff members do not have access to the insecticides.

Pesticides will be applied by certified pesticide applicators and when students and staff members are not present, such as during non-instructional time or school vacation periods.

The school will:

- Inform annually parents and staff members of the school's Pest Control Policy at the time of student enrollment (beginning of school year or semester) by separate memorandum or in the parent/student handbook.
- Provide the name and phone number of the person to contact for information regarding pest control.
- Establish a registry of parents and staff members who want to receive advance notice of all pesticide use.
- Provide notice of planned pesticide applications to parents and staff who have requested advance notice.
- Provide notice of all pesticide applications to the school nurse.
- Maintain written record for at least 90 days of any pesticide applications.

The school will provide notice at least two school days prior to the date the application is to occur for all those who have requested advance notice. The notice will include the date and time of the pesticide application, the general area where the pesticide is to be applied and the telephone number and name of the person to contact for more information.

In case of emergency pesticide applications because of immediate threat to the public health, the school shall give written notice as soon as possible.