

Information Sheet for Parents Regarding AB 2260, the Healthy Schools Act of 2000

In September 2000, Governor Davis signed into law the Healthy Schools Act of 2000 (Assembly Bill 2260). This law requires schools to notify parents, guardians and school employees about pesticides used in their schools, and requires the Department of Pesticide Regulation to promote the voluntary adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) practices in California schools. Most provisions of the law take effect 1 January 2001. Each school district is to implement the following requirements of the law:

- Notification of all pesticide products the school district expects to use on school grounds must be sent annually to parents or guardians of all students. These products include over-the-counter pesticides available at retail outlets, but do not include certain products exempted under the law. The notifications must list the active ingredients in each pesticide product and the Internet address for the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to access additional information. Visit DPR's Web site at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov> and click on School IPM Program.
- Each school will establish a list of parents or guardians who want to be notified before individual pesticide applications are made.
- Each school district will ensure that warning notices are posted in areas where pesticides will be applied. These signs will be posted 24 hours in advance and 72 hours after application of pesticides, and will contain information as specified in the law.
- Each school will maintain records of all pesticide use at the school for four years and the records will be available to the public upon request.

For more information, contact your local school district.

The Department of Pesticide Regulation's school IPM program aims to promote and facilitate the voluntary adoption of IPM programs.

- DPR will develop a model IPM program guidebook that reflects conditions in California.
- DPR will establish and maintain an Internet Web site that functions as a comprehensive directory of IPM resources.
- DPR will assist school districts to establish IPM policies and programs.

- DPR will establish an IPM training program for individuals designated by the districts to be in charge of pest management.

For more information, go to <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/> and click on School IPM Program, or email DPR at school_ipm@empm.cdpr.ca.gov.