

# School Integrated Pest Management Initiative

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency convened the undersigned national organizations to pursue a voluntary effort to make Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices the standard in all schools over the next three years. These organizations met in May 2016 and will reconvene in a year to review progress toward this shared goal.

IPM is a science-based approach to pest management that seeks to control pest problems proactively, avoiding the unnecessary use of and exposure to pesticides while achieving acceptable control of pests indoors and outdoors.

## Principles of Agreement

- We understand that children are uniquely vulnerable to environmental hazards due to their developing systems and greater exposures
- We support and will promote and communicate making sound IPM practices the standard in all schools
- We will encourage implementation of school IPM policies and practices and will encourage our members to routinely re-evaluate and improve their practices, as needed

## Recommendations for Schools and School Districts

- Assess current pest management practices and recurring pest problems
- Designate and train an appropriate staff person to coordinate IPM activities
- Adopt and implement an IPM policy or plan to prevent and effectively address pest problems
- Conduct regular inspections and monitoring for pests and pest conducive conditions
- Adopt in-house IPM pest prevention and control practices indoors and outdoors and/or contract with pest management firms to perform IPM services
- Provide IPM education corresponding to the roles of those in the school community
- Visit [epa.gov/managing-pests-schools](http://epa.gov/managing-pests-schools) for free tools and information

## Participants



## How Can EPA Help?

EPA will provide information and tools to help schools implement IPM programs. EPA will not represent these materials as endorsed by participating organizations, but will make them available to anyone wishing to use them.

### The following information was available as of Spring 2016:

- Instructional Videos — [apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/managing\\_pests/video\\_series.cfm](https://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/managing_pests/video_series.cfm)
- Training — [cals.arizona.edu/apmc/StopSchoolPests.html](https://cals.arizona.edu/apmc/StopSchoolPests.html)
- Webinars — [go.usa.gov/cTZX9](https://go.usa.gov/cTZX9)
- IPM Resources — [schoolpestmanager.org](https://schoolpestmanager.org)
- Sample Pest Management Contract — [go.usa.gov/cTZ8z](https://go.usa.gov/cTZ8z)
- Sample IPM Policy — [go.usa.gov/cTZX3](https://go.usa.gov/cTZX3)
- Assistance:
  - Center of Expertise for School IPM — [school.ipm@epa.gov](mailto:school.ipm@epa.gov); 844-EPA-SIPM
  - Regional School IPM Coordinators — [go.usa.gov/cZ6AQ](https://go.usa.gov/cZ6AQ)