

SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

Date: November 8, 2005
To: All Employees
Subject: PEST CONTROL
**Department and/or
Persons Concerned:** All Employees
Reference: Healthy Schools Act of 2000

Brief Explanation:

Pest infestations, such as ants and roaches in buildings, are largely the result of food in the buildings. To reduce pest infestations, and to comply with the Healthy Schools Act of 2000 it is essential that staff and students understand how food sources contribute to the problem and how important it is to deny food to pests.

The district's Pest Control staff will do everything possible to identify and resolve pest problems. However, your cooperation in observing the guidelines listed below will prevent or reduce insect and rodent infestations and ultimately reduce the need for pesticide applications. **The use of any pesticides at school sites or on district property by unauthorized personnel is unlawful and a violation of the district's Integrated Pest Management Policy.**

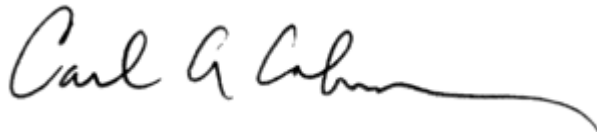
As part of the Integrated Pest Management program to control roaches, ants, mice, rats, flies, etc., it is requested that all staff members and students:

- Eat only in designated dining areas when possible.
- Store food in sealed containers, preferably glass or metal, whenever it is kept in cupboards, storerooms, lounges, desk drawers, etc.
- Clean up spills, crumbs, etc., as soon as possible when they occur in offices or classrooms.
- Promptly place all food waste and beverage containers in garbage cans. These cans should be placed outside. It is advisable that all garbage cans have plastic liners and that liners be changed daily.
- Rinse out beverage cans being saved for recycling purposes and store in sealed plastic bags.
- Clean coffee cups, dirty dishes, and utensils promptly and empty sink strainers regularly.
- Dispose of newspapers and excess paperwork promptly (excess paperwork provides harborage for pests).
- Send all artwork created with foodstuff home as soon as possible.

With your help, a safer, more comfortable environment for everyone can be achieved.

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