

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH OKANAGAN-SHUSWAP
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 83**

Adopted: 2009-03-10

POLICY

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The Board of Education recognizes that it has a responsibility for the health and safety of students, employees and users of school sites. Additionally, there is a concomitant responsibility to control insect infestations and noxious weeds on school property.

Pesticides will not be applied for cosmetic purposes. The District defines pesticide as the broader term which includes herbicides, insecticides, fungicides or any other chemical or organic compound used to eradicate some form of infestation.

In so doing, wherever practical and feasible, the Board requires that alternative methods of pest, insect, and noxious weed control be used rather than through the use of chemicals. Where it is deemed that a chemical control is necessary then the least noxious and environmentally detrimental chemical or organic agent will be used.