

What Professionals Say



"The use of IPM reduces pesticides in schools and results in a safer environment. ... IPM helps to develop pride of ownership among school participants. School systems should see a reduction in the cost of pest control once an IPM program is in place, since far fewer chemicals are required to achieve the same results. ... IPM is a concept that the Plant Operation Section of the Department of Public Instruction can highly endorse and recommend to school systems."

*Dallas Brickhouse, Jr., PE, Section Chief
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Plant Operation Section*



"IPM is important for the well being of everyone at the school. IPM is more than simply a matter of using baits and reducing overall pesticide use; it is about being proactive. IPM does not start and end with the pest management professional; it begins with the school community working together to improve maintenance and sanitation on the school property. ... Without this collaborative effort, IPM becomes just another buzzword."

*Dr. Mike Waldvogel, Urban Pest Management Specialist
North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service*

What Professional Associations Say

The National PTA supports IPM implementation efforts at the federal, state, and local levels to eliminate the environmental hazards caused by pesticide use in and around schools.

National Parents and Teachers Association

"In managing pests, the emphasis should be placed on minimizing the use of broad-spectrum chemicals and maximizing the use of sanitation, biological controls, and selective methods of application."

American Public Health Association

"We recognize the value of IPM as an effective method for controlling pests through education, sanitation, biological controls, and selective methods of pesticide application. We fully support its use in North Carolina schools."

North Carolina Pest Control Association

**The bottom line—
IPM really works.**

IPM Resources

Web sites

<http://schoolipm.ncsu.edu>
<http://www.ifas.ufl.edu/~schoolipm>
<http://www.sripc.org/>

Publications

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Integrated Pest Management School-IPM Campaign



What
People Say
about

IPM in Schools

When you ask school staff and
pest management professionals
to describe their experiences
with IPM in schools, you get
some interesting feedback.

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IPM works.

The experiences of many North Carolina schools show that adopting an Integrated Pest Management program can decrease the amount of pesticide applied in a school, reduce complaints about pests from students and staff, and improve the safety and effectiveness of pest-control efforts.

IPM takes commitment.

For a school IPM program to succeed, school leaders must be committed to it. Leaders will facilitate communications between school users and the pest management professionals. They will influence behavioral changes in staff and students that reduce or eliminate the need to apply pesticides. They will initiate repairs to keep pests out of buildings.

IPM requires education.

It may take time before everyone in the school understands what they need to do and that they must be part of the IPM effort. Steps along the way may include:

- Structural repairs to help keep pests out of the buildings.
- Reporting pest problems in the school pest-sighting logs.
- Making changes in procedures and behaviors among staff and students that will help to reduce pest problems.
- Learning that a pesticide will not be applied every time someone sees a pest.



What Schools Say



Buncombe County

"With a good pest control company using IPM, we reduced the number of calls for pest control from 60 (or more) calls per month to 3 or 4 calls per month."

*Clark Wyatt, Safety Officer
Buncombe County Schools, Asheville*



Catawba County

"With IPM, there are few pest crises or emergencies. Besides, we'd rather be caulking than responding to an emergency. Resistance to IPM is due to lack of knowledge more than a lack of money."

*Jane Williams, Environmental Health Specialist
Scott Bowman, Assistant Maintenance Director
Catawba County Schools, Newton*



Nash-Rocky Mount Schools

"Nash-Rocky Mount Schools implemented an IPM program in 2003. Since then, we have received fewer pest complaints, and the number of pest-control work orders has declined. ... I recommend IPM to any school district without reservation."

*James Reuter, Maintenance Director
Nash-Rocky Mount Schools, Nashville
and President, 2003-2005,
North Carolina Public Schools Maintenance Association*



Pitt County

"The first year was very challenging in creating an awareness of the health issues and the training necessary for implementation of the IPM program; ... things have drastically improved over the last year in regard to pest complaints and overall health standards. We feel that IPM is beneficial in creating a healthier environment for students and personnel. The key is not stopping education at the student level, but to continue with staff and parents."

*Doug Price, Environmental Specialist
Pitt County Schools, Winterville*



Wake County

"IPM is the best in pest control yet. ... IPM saves time, gas, labor, money, and headaches and provides a safe environment to work and learn."

*Buddy McCarty, Environmental Safety Officer
Wake County Schools, Raleigh*



Winston-Salem/Forsyth County

"The principals and the entire school community are very satisfied with the results of our IPM program. ... They see the pest control technicians at work solving their pest problems, and they like that. Practicing IPM is safe for the students and school employees."

*Steve Cutright, Supervisor, Grounds Operations
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools*

What Pest Control Companies Say



Buncombe/Henderson counties

"IPM in schools has significantly cut down on complaints for general pest problems. It has generated new business such as termite and bird work, drain service, and other business."

*Steve Peeno, District Manager
Dodson Pest Control, Asheville*



Granville County

"I have found our participation in the IPM program most beneficial. We have seen fewer callbacks and less pesticide use. The end result has shown up on the bottom line."

*Mark Harrison, Owner
Whitco Termite and Pest Control, Henderson*



Guilford County

"Using IPM in the school environment has proven to be very beneficial to the school, students, faculty, and the pest management professional. Concentrating on the inspection process, using corrective measures, and limiting use of pesticides have produced great results in reduction of pest problems. ... We feel everyone wins with IPM."

*Bill Tesh, President
Pest Management Systems Inc., Greensboro*



New Hanover County

"School administrators like IPM because it really works. ... Because most aspects of your routine monthly service (e.g., inspections and limited bait treatments) can be done during regular school hours, principals, teachers, and staff see you at work, solving their pest problems, and that pleases them. ... IPM is great!"

*Peter Schonemann
Rid-A-Pest Inc., Wilmington*

