



**Maintenance and Operations
Grounds Department
Pesticide Notification Protocol**

1. **Basis:** This policy is based on Washington State RCW 17.21.415 and parts of RCW 17.21.410 and 430 as minimum requirements. This policy, per RCW 1.21.415 para. 8, does not apply if the school facility application is made when the school is not occupied by students for at least two consecutive days after the application. Nor does this apply, per para. 9, to any emergency school facility application for control of any pest that poses an immediate human health or safety threat, such as an application to control stinging insects. This can be found online at <http://wsl.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/rcw.cfm> - [RCW_by_Title](#)

2. **Definition of Pesticide:** Per RCW 17.21.020,
 - a. Para.(31) "Pesticide" means, but is not limited to:
 - i. Any substance or mixture of substances intended to prevent, destroy, control, repel, or mitigate any pest;
 - ii. Any substance or mixture of substances intended to be used as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant; and
 - iii. Any spray adjuvant, such as a wetting agent, spreading agent, deposit builder, adhesive, emulsifying agent, deflocculating agent, water modifier, or similar agent with or without toxic properties of its own intended to be used with any pesticide as an aid to the application or effect thereof, and sold in a package or container separate from that of the pesticide with which it is to be used.
 - b. For the purpose of this notification policy, fertilizers will be treated as pesticides.

3. **Reason for Pesticide:** Wenatchee School District M&O Grounds Department applies pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers to its grounds and properties for the purpose of
 - a. Controlling pests which are a health and safety threat, such as bees, ants, and black widows;
 - b. To provide a safe landscape environment for play, athletics, and leisure activities;
 - c. To keep its landscaping at peak health and aesthetic condition.

4. **Pesticides Used:** Following is a current list of trade names and uses of pesticides that are used by WSD. This list is subject to change in time.

Trade Name	Purpose

5. **Yearly Notification:** At the beginning of each school year, a notification shall be put into each building’s newsletter or welcome packet to go home with each student. The notification, in English and Spanish, shall state the following:

Pesticides Notification

To help keep our parents and community informed of any application of pesticides to our grounds, Wenatchee School District in compliance with RCW. 17.21.410 will be providing the following:

All schools will provide this written notification describing schools pest and weed control policies and methods according to RCW.17.21.410.

Schools will have a notification system in place at least 48 hours before a pesticide application is applied. There will be a sign posted in a prominent place in the school or building office with details containing:

- Name of pesticide; date and time of application;
- Location of where pesticide is to be applied;
- Name of vegetation to be controlled;
- Name and number of contact person for more information.

There will also be signs posted in the physical areas of application until re-entry is safe, typically 24 hours or less.

If you have any question regarding our policy or methods please feel free to call Maintenance and Operations Supervisor, Bryan Visscher at 509-663-0555.

“Pesticides” also include herbicides. For the purpose of this policy, Wenatchee School District will also notify upon application of fertilizers.

Wenatchee School District applies these in order to keep the facilities in the best possible condition for athletic and recreational activities and to promote great pride in our facilities.

- 6. **Event notification:** Prior to each event of pesticide application, a notification must be placed in a prominent place in the office of the target school 48 hours prior to the application. Actual application time may vary, but take place within 48 hours of the intended date stated on the notification.
 - a. This notification shall be 8-1/2" X 11" and shall state the following:



PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTICE

**IN EFFORTS TO KEEP OUR
LANDSCAPING HEALTHLY**

Name of Pesticide:

Date and time of application:

Location of where pesticide is to be applied:

Name of vegetation to be controlled:

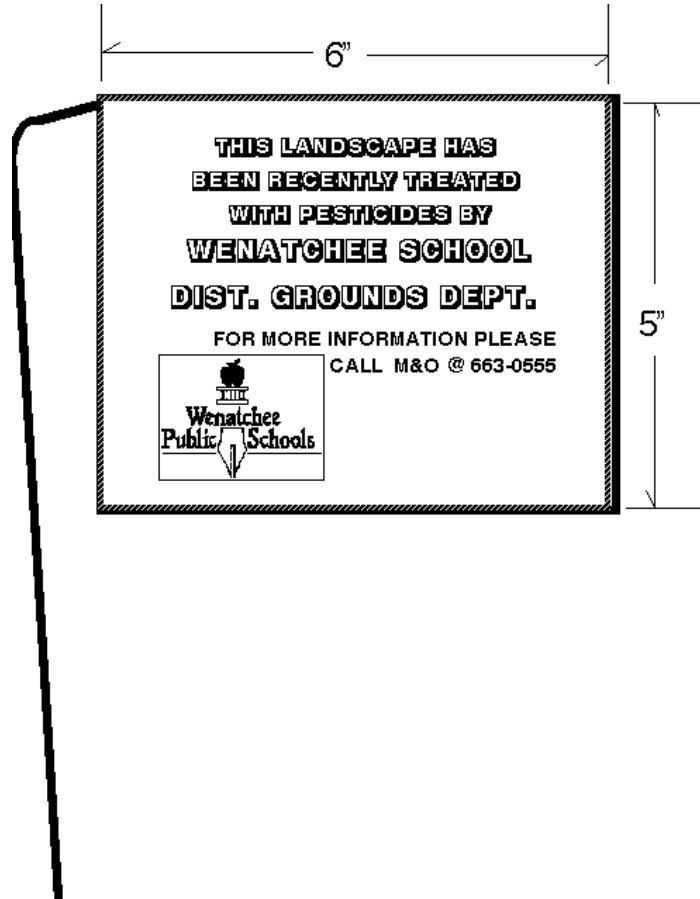
For questions contact: WSD Maintenance & Operations 663-0555

Pesticide includes: Pesticides, Herbicides and Fertilizers*.
(*Fertilizers do not require 48 hour notice.)

Per RCW 17.21.410

- b. This notice is held as electronic media at the M&O offices. Prior to each scheduled application, the notice is filled out by the M&O secretary and e-mailed to the site offices with instructions to post it in a prominent place. It is the responsibility of the staff at the site to post the notice in a prominent place and confirm by e-mail to M&O that it has been done.

- c. **Yard Flags:** Upon application and for a minimum of 24 hours after, signs shall be placed at the location of the application and at each primary point of entry to the school grounds. The flags shall be approximately as follows:



- d. Notification signs shall remain in place for at least 24 hours after the application, or until the re-entry period, whichever is more as specified by the product.
 - e. The Wenatchee School District is not liable for the removal of signs by unauthorized persons. A school that complies with this section may not be held liable for personal property damage or bodily injury resulting from signs that are placed as required.
 - f. These signs are to be picked up by the Grounds department for re-use 24 hours after each application.
7. **Record Keeping:** Per para. 10, A school shall make the records of all pesticide applications to school facilities required under this chapter, including an annual summary of the records, readily accessible to interested persons. See RCW 17.21.100.