

## **BELLA MENTE MONTESSORI ACADEMY**

### **SCHOOL INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN**

This document meets the Healthy Schools Act (HSA) for an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan.

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**IPM STATEMENT:**

It is the goal of the Bella Mente Montessori Academy (BMMA) to implement an integrated pest management plan by focusing on long-term prevention of suppression of pests through accurate pest identification by frequent monitoring for pest presence, by applying appropriate action levels, and by making the habitat less conducive to pests using sanitation and mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that are effective will be used in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property and the environment, and only after other options have been shown ineffective.

**IPM TEAM:**

In addition to the Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, other individuals who are involved in purchasing, making IPM decisions, applying pesticides, and complying with the Healthy Schools Act requirements include:

Green Flash Pest Control

**PEST MANAGEMENT CONTRACTING:**

Pest management services are contracted out to Green Flash Pest Control, or other pest management providers as needed. Prior to entering into a contract, Bella Mente Montessori Academy has confirmed that Green Flash Pest Control understands and complies with all

aspects of the Healthy Schools Act including training requirements. Should BMMA contract with any other pest management company, BMMA will verify their compliance with the Healthy Schools Act and training requirements.

## **PEST IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING AND INSPECTION**

Pest identification is done by the IPM Coordinator and Custodial Staff. Monitoring and inspecting for pests and conditions that lead to pest problems are done regularly by the IPM Coordinator and the Custodial Staff.

Specific information about monitoring and inspecting for pests, such as locations, times, or techniques include:

Monitoring involves periodic assessment of pests at our campus, use of sticky monitoring boards are used to monitor activity. Rodents are monitored through observance for droppings, gnaw and grease marks, etc.

## **PESTS AND NON CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

BMMA has identified the following pests and routinely uses the following nonchemical practices to prevent pests from reaching the action level.

Rodents Remove Food, Removal of all Trash, Install Barriers, Physical Removal, Traps

Ants Remove Food, Seal Cracks

## **CHEMICAL PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

If non-chemical methods are ineffective, BMMA will consider pesticides only after careful monitoring indicates that they are needed according to pre-established action levels and will use pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner than minimizes risks to people, property and the environment.

BMMA expects the following pesticides (pesticide products and active ingredients) to be applied during the year. This list includes pesticides that will be applied by licensed pest control businesses:

- Termidor SC
- InVade Bio Form
- Alpine Cockroach Gel
- Advion Cockroach Gel
- Advion Ant Gel

## Healthy Schools Act (HSA)

This school district complies with the notification, posting, record keeping, and all other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act. (Education Code Sections 1760817613, 48980.3; Food and Agricultural Code Sections 1318013188)

## Training

Every year school district employees who make pesticide applications receive the following training prior to pesticide use:

No school employees apply pesticides.

## Submittal of Pesticide Use Reports

Reports of all pesticides applied by school district staff during the calendar year, except pesticides exempt from HSA recordkeeping, are submitted to the Department of Pesticide Regulation at least annually, by January 30 of the following year, using the form provided at [www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm). (Education Code Section 16711)

## Notification

This school district has made this IPM plan publicly available by the following methods (check at least one):

This IPM plan can be found online at the following web address:

<https://www.bellamentecharter.org/downloads>

## Review

This IPM plan will be reviewed (and revised, if needed) at least annually to ensure that the information provided is still true and correct.

Date of next review 06/30/22

I acknowledge that I have reviewed this school district's IPM Plan and it is true and correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_