

## Sample Information Sheet about the Healthy Schools Act For Parents, Guardians, School Staff

The Healthy Schools Act (HSA) requires public schools and child care centers to notify parents or guardians and staff about pesticides used at schools and child care centers. Each school district and child care center must meet certain requirements of the law:

**Annual notification.** Parents or guardians and staff will receive written notification of all pesticide products (except those that are exempt<sup>1</sup>) expected to be used in the upcoming year. These products include over-the-counter pesticides, along with those applied by licensed pest control businesses. This notification must list the product name, the active ingredient(s), and the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR) School IPM website.

**Registry.** Parents or guardians and staff can register to receive notification about individual pesticide applications before they occur.

**Warning signs.** School or child care staff must post warning signs at each area where pesticides will be applied. These signs must be posted 24 hours before each application and must remain posted for 72 hours afterward.

**Recordkeeping.** School or child care staff must maintain records of all pesticides used at the site for four years and make the records available upon request.

Contact your child's school district or child care center to learn more about how these requirements are met.

The HSA also requires DPR to encourage California schools and child care centers to start their own integrated pest management (IPM) programs. To learn more about IPM resources and the Healthy Schools Act, visit DPR's School IPM website at [www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm) or e-mail the DPR School IPM Program at [school-ipm@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:school-ipm@cdpr.ca.gov). On the School IPM website, you'll find:

**Model School IPM Program Guidebook.** DPR developed and continues to update this guidebook to assist schools and child care centers with establishing an IPM program.

**Pesticides exempted under the HSA.** A step-by-step guide to determine if a particular pesticide product is exempt from the recordkeeping, posting, and notification requirements of the HSA.

**School IPM Training.** DPR offers IPM training for school districts and child care centers throughout California. To see if your child's school district has attended a DPR School IPM Workshop, check the *School Districts Trained in IPM* list at:

[http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/training/trained\\_districts.pdf](http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/training/trained_districts.pdf)



<sup>1</sup> The exemption applies to a pesticide product deployed in the form of a self-contained bait or trap, to gel or paste deployed as a crack and crevice treatment, to any pesticide exempted from regulation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 et seq.), or to antimicrobial pesticides, including sanitizers and disinfectants. For more information, visit DPR's School IPM website, [www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm), and click on "Pesticides Exempted under the Healthy Schools Act" in the right-hand column.