

LEAs to implement Integrated Pest Management by October 1, 2011

Per NCGS 115C-47(47), all Local Education Agencies shall require the use of Integrated Pest Management. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) means the comprehensive approach to pest management that combines biological, physical, chemical, and cultural tactics as well as effective, economic, environmentally sound, and socially acceptable methods to prevent and solve pest problems that emphasizes pest prevention and provides a decision-making process for determining if, when, and where pest suppression is needed and what control tactics and methods are appropriate.

North Carolina State University provides excellent information and reference material for implementing IPM in public schools. The website is <http://schoolipm.ncsu.edu/>.

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