

6.391 CONTROL OF BED BUGS

In accordance with this policy, the Superintendent, or designee, in cooperation with building staff, shall develop procedures to be followed in the event of a discovery of bed bugs in a school building.

A. Discovery and Notification

1. At least one staff member (e.g. the school nurse) in each school building shall be designated by the building principal to assist in the detection and identification of bed bugs and who shall be notified whenever a suspected bed bug is found on a student or a student's belongings.
2. If an inspection by the designated staff member reveals a confirmed bed bug, the building administration shall follow the procedures developed in accordance with this policy, and shall notify the affected student's parents or guardians who will also receive information regarding:
 - Identification of bed bugs in the home and the importance of treatment;
 - Treatment methods for bed bugs;
 - Attendance procedures for the student following the discovery of bed bugs; and
 - Any additional resources available for preventing and managing bed bug infestations.
3. In the event of a verified discovery of bed bugs in ~~the~~ school facilities, the building principal shall also send written notification (attached) to the families of all students deemed to have had direct exposure to bed bugs in order to help families take preventative measures.

B. Treatment and Pest Management

1. If the presence of bed bugs in the school building warrants the application of pesticides, the district will employ only a pest control company that is properly licensed to apply pesticides by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
2. All ongoing pest management will be overseen by the building principal or designee.

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[School District Letterhead]

Re: Bed Bugs

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We have recently discovered bed bugs in your child's school. Bed bugs are a nuisance, but their bites are not known to spread disease. Bed bugs are usually active at night and feed on human blood. The bite does not hurt at first, but it may become swollen and itch, much like a mosquito bite. Watch for clusters of bites, usually in a line, on exposed areas of the body.

The source of bed bugs often cannot be determined, as bed bugs may be found in many places including hotels, planes, and movie theaters. Even though it is unlikely for bed bugs to be spread in schools, the Franklin Local School District will conduct an inspection and, if needed, will treat the area where the bed bug was found. The Franklin Local School District will continue to work to identify bed bugs, provide thorough inspections of schools, and have licensed pest control specialists treat the rooms if a problem is found.

Contact your physician or school nurse for proper care and treatment of bed bug bites. If you have any questions regarding bed bugs in the school, please contact me or the school nurse. If you have any questions regarding bed bugs found in your home, refer to the Central Ohio Bed Bug Task Force's web site at www.centralohiobedbugs.org.

Sincerely,

Principal

FLSD Nurse