



## Eco-Schools USA Healthy Schools Audit Pest Management



### Learning Objectives

- To collect information about toxics and other health-related issues that affects the school building and grounds.
- To draw connections between these issues and the physical health of the school population.
- To interpret and analyze the information gathered to identify priority issues to address.

### Curriculum Links

Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health, Citizenship

### Eco-Schools USA Pathways

Healthy Schools, School Grounds

Does the school practice good sanitation and proper maintenance of structures and grounds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are structural cracks where pests can enter caulked and sealed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are plumbing leaks and other moisture problems fixed quickly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school monitor frequently for signs of pests and keep records of pest populations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school use non-chemical pest control methods (trapping, swatting, hand removal, barriers, attractants, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school have specified criteria for pest management methods that include the use of natural or low-toxicity pesticides?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school spray pesticides only when students and faculty are out of school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the school apply the proper amount of product required and wear adequate protective equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are pesticides stored in leak-proof containers in a secure place?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

*Adapted from Illinois EPA Green Schools Checklist*

<p><b>You will want to keep the data in this table handy, as you will need to report this information when you apply for an Eco-Schools USA award.</b></p> <p>1) What percentage of the school's cleaning supplies are certified green?</p>	<p>_____ %</p>
<p>2) Does your school have IAQ monitoring program? IAQ – Indoor Air Quality</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>3) Does your school utilize an integrated pest management approach to treating the school campus?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE\***

The three questions above are found on all six Healthy Schools audits. If you have completed this information for already please just copy the information. If you have made progress from the first time you collected data and need to update your metrics please do so.