

North Central Region School IPM Working Group Priorities

Blue: top priorities

Green: other priorities

Management

Establishing demonstration schools in each state

Developing realistic goals

Obtaining resources (web site, money)

One full-time employee per state devoted to school/daycare Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Establishing training programs

Establishing networks of stakeholders

Working with Pest Management Providers

Effective communication at all levels (especially w/ school administrators)

Recognition/awareness of IPM

Provide schools w/ economic incentives, such as reduced liability and insurance

Utilizing report card to help determine training needs and goals

Recording accomplishments, milestones, evaluations

Go-to person for assistance

Creating state laws

Defining an acceptable baseline

Assessment of IPM

Regulatory

State Department of Education policies

Mandate IPM training or license for all who service schools

School Environmental Protection Act - partner w/National Pest Management Association & Beyond
Pesticides to lobby Congress

State health and safety regulations

State school board adoption of IPM policy

State legislation

Parent-teacher associations

Partner with Pest Management Providers/Non-Governmental Organizations for promoting IPM legislation

Education

Basic training for change agents on how to diffuse IPM in schools

Training for change agents on demonstrations, setting up coalitions, understanding terminology,
motivating key people

Advanced training for in-school IPM coordinators

Participants having input early on in the process

Media about IPM educating the general public

Market IPM in conjunction w/ other environmental improvements

Educate policy-makers

Research

IPM adoption cost/benefit

Independent efficacy data on turf options, organic/25b, reduced-risk options, home remedies, stinging insects

Efficacy of training methods for school-district-based IPM coordinators

Evaluation of health hazards of pests and pesticides

School IPM adoption rates

Efficacy of options for head lice