

CCE-PSEP Pesticide Education Fact Sheet: **Who Can Apply Pesticides in NY Schools?**

In this factsheet, “school” includes public, private, and parochial schools as well as Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

The only people who can apply _____ (even for emergency applications) on school property in New York State are:

- A _____ pesticide applicator,
- A certified pesticide technician,
- An uncertified person working under the on-site supervision of a certified applicator, or
- Staff members or service providers using _____ disinfectants and surface sanitizers (except in cooling towers).

Schools have two options if pesticide applications (other than the use of disinfectants and sanitizers mentioned above) are necessary:

- 1) Contract with a pest control company.
- 2) Employ staff with the necessary certification. (See table below.)

Application Category*	Sites Protected by Pesticide Application	Staff Required
Structural	Buildings (interior and exterior) and cooling towers	Certified commercial pesticide applicator
Ornamental & Turf	Turf, trees, landscape plants, artificial turf	Certified commercial pesticide applicator <u>OR</u> Certified commercial pesticide technician
Private	Plants in greenhouses and food gardens	Certified private pesticide applicator
* Certification in the appropriate subcategory(ies) within each category is required. Public schools and BOCES must register with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as Pesticide Agencies in each category in which school employees apply pesticides. It is best for a public school to register as a school district so that an employee could apply pesticide at any school within the district.		

Always read and follow the label when applying a pesticide. The label is the law.