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THE COLORADO COALITION FOR SCHOOL IPM PROGRAM PROVIDES:

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- Recommendations on low-risk methods of control
- Training on pesticide safety

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House mouse

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Keep Colorado Schools PEST FREE

What is IPM?
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(Developed by America’s Schools: Costs and Benefits, Gregory Kats, 2006)

Regular maintenance, inside and out, is an essential part of IPM. The need for pesticides is reduced by keeping plants healthy, so insects and disease organisms don’t live there.

IPM relies on the knowledge of scientists and pest management professionals: with education we can outsmart our pests!

Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland made an initial investment of $9,300 in an IPM program which included monitoring practices, supplies and training for staff members. That investment saved the district $17,100 per year.

(Forbes 1991)

The Colorado Coalition for School IPM is an effort by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Department of Education, school districts, National Environmental Health Association and private pest control professionals.