

## **Blazing Trails' Pesticide Use Policy**

Blazing Trails has never and will never use pesticides or herbicides on our premises.

**HOWEVER**, because we are located at a public school, we have no control over Seattle Public Schools – Facilities Department choices. They are required by state law to notify parents at least 48 hours ahead of any pesticide/herbicide use on Pathfinder grounds. We have officially requested Pathfinder to notify us as well, so we may pass information on to our families in as timely a manner as possible. Here is a link to the Pathfinder K-8/Seattle Public Schools Pesticide Policy:

<http://www.seattleschools.org/area/policies/h/H12.00.pdf> and

<http://www.seattleschools.org/area/policies/h/H12.01.pdf>

Since notification from SPS facilities may be problematic, Blazing Trails is not responsible or liable for late, incomplete, inaccurate or missing notification from Seattle Public Schools.

DSHS-DEL requires that this policy be posted in the Family Information Center, copy provided to parents (Family Handbook Policy 780) and posted on our website for review. Parents/guardians are required to sign a receipt annually upon enrollment to state that they have reviewed this policy.

Please contact Washington State Department of Agriculture – Pesticide Management Department 1-877-301-4555 or e-mail at [compliance@agr.wa.gov](mailto:compliance@agr.wa.gov) for more information about the law.

This policy has been reviewed for the operating year 2010-2011 by:

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Rita M. Garton, Blazing Trails' Director

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