

## **POLICY 730: Pesticides**

The Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) values the environment and aims to keep grounds safe, healthy and accessible for all. In the interest of health and safety of staff and students, school grounds maintenance and pest and weed problems will be conducted using an Integrated Pest and Weed Management approach.

An Integrated Pest and Weed Management approach is the best combination of behavioural, chemical, cultural, biological, mechanical and genetic methods to reduce pest and weed populations to acceptable levels. Non-toxic or lower-toxic methods shall be given priority to other methods where possible.