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This presentation focuses on the California Healthy Schools Act (HSA). First I will answer the question I am asked the most: can we use Glyphosate at a California school site? Yes, it can be used because it is not on the list of Pesticide Products Prohibited from use on California Schoolsites. Any product containing glyphosate is subject to all of the requirements of the HSA. Then, I will discuss the new training and reporting requirements from the perspective of school staff and contractors. The requirements include: identifying a School IPM Coordinator; developing an IPM plan; providing annual written notification; posting warning signs; keeping records of pesticide applications; submitting pesticide use reports, and completing a school IPM training. Next, I will present a simple case study to demonstrate a legal herbicide application at a California school site. In accordance with the HSA, I will promote low risk integrated pest management methods. I will use flame weeding as an example of how the HSA relates to non-chemical pest management strategies. I will also present new information from the School Pesticide Use Report database on the number of applications targeting gophers, and use that as an opportunity to promote gopher trapping as a low risk control method.