

POLICY

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Students

SUBJECT: HEAD LICE

Head lice are a common community problem, and while a nuisance, they do not pose a public health risk. Head lice are not dangerous and do not transmit disease.

Consistent with accepted medical knowledge, no healthy child will be excluded from school due to an active case of head lice or the presence of nits (louse eggs).

Students identified by the school nurse as having an active infestation of head lice and/or nits will be sent home at the end of the day and their parents will be informed by the school nurse of their condition and advised to begin treatment. Instructional material on pediculosis treatment and household lice removal will be given to the parent with each episode.

The student may return to school the next day **IF** they have received home treatment and student has been checked by the school nurse and cleared to return to the classroom. A written statement of the method of treatment along with the lice removal product label is appreciated.

A letter will **NOT** be sent to other parents in that classroom unless an unusual clustering of active head lice cases (2 or more) is discovered in the classroom.

Head lice screening will be done on a referral basis; teacher request, student request or parent requesting their own child be screened.

If an individual student has, a live infestation siblings and relative clusters will be routinely examined as needed. Periodic screening will be done at the discretion of the School Nurse.

In the event regulations or procedures are developed implementing this policy, the Superintendent will work with the District's medical director or one or more school nurses to ensure those regulations or procedures are consistent with accepted medical knowledge and best nursing practice.

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