

Policy: Head Lice

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The psychological, social and economic impact of head lice infestations can create a problem in the community. Recognizing that a sizeable number of cases exists from time to time, the school will take the necessary measures to reduce the loss of instructional time for those students involved.

Procedures

1. Any staff member who suspects head lice shall report this immediately to the school nurse or building principal.
2. Any student identified by the school nurse as having lice and untreated nits shall be sent home for treatment as soon as possible.
3. Any student with actual identifiable lice shall be immediately removed from the classroom. The school nurse shall contact the parent immediately, request that the student be taken home for treatment, and that the parent contact any other schools where siblings attend.
4. All children in the same classroom of an identified active case (untreated nits or actual lice) shall be examined by trained personnel. All siblings and close contacts of the child within the school shall be examined and appropriately handled.
5. Oral communication as well as written instructions for treatment will be made with the family of each case by the school nurse.
6. All students shall be readmitted to school after the first treatment with a signed statement or verbal confirmation from the parent or guardian stating that initial treatment has been completed.
7. Each re-entering student shall be examined by appropriate health personnel to look for evidence that the treatment was performed.
8. If the number of cases is considered to be an outbreak, appropriate administrative personnel may temporarily suspend activities conducive to close person to person contact as recommended by the school nurse.
9. The school nurse shall provide information education for staff with emphasis on diagnosis, treatment and control plans.
10. The school nurse will initiate educational programs for students as necessary.

Legal Reference:

Cross Reference: Teacher's Handbook