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Notice

Head Lice Policy

The purpose of this policy is to stop the spread of Head Lice and to provide procedures that will enable students to remain in school with decreased risk of contamination.

The following signs and symptoms may alert school staff of a possible case of head lice.

Severe itching of the scalp

Nits (tiny oval specks of grey, white, clear, or yellow on the hair shaft)

Lice (reddish brown tiny insects on the hair shaft)

Small red bumps on the scalp

A rash on the scalp, with crusting and oozing (if severe)

Possible swollen lymph glands in the neck

If a student displays any of these symptoms, he or she shall be referred to the school nurse. The decision to allow a student to remain in school or be sent home rests solely with the school nurse. The nurse will provide treatment instructions to the parent or guardian.

Upon returning to the school, after being treated for head lice, the returning student is to see the school nurse before going to class. The school nurse may allow the student back to school if there is sufficient evidence of treatment. If there are eggs remaining, the nurse may send the student home for further treatment in order to protect the other students from contamination.

All students in classrooms with a verified case of head lice will have their parent or guardian notified via letter home if they are elementary-aged. The letter home will respect the affected students' privacy by following HIPAA and FERPA regulations.

School nurses may do mass head checks on students who are known to be exposed to this parasite. Students with a positive head check will have their parent or guardian notified, if the parent is available by phone. The parent or guardian will pick up the student for treatment at home.

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