

Gresham-Barlow SD 10

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Pediculosis (Head Lice)

The Board recognizes that district programs should be conducted in a manner that protects and enhances student and employee health and is consistent with recognized health practices. In addition, the board recognizes that absences from school create barriers to educational success.

Consequently, in order to prevent the spread of pediculosis (head lice) in the school setting and ensure students are allowed to attend school to the greatest extent possible, district staff shall institute guidelines for classrooms that will assist in the prevention and spread of head lice. Students with suspected cases of lice will be referred to the school nurse or administrator for assessment. When a student is found to have contracted head lice, the district will provide his/her parents with recommended treatment information. Students found with live lice or nits will be sent home at the end of the school day with instructions for treatment and removal. Students will be readmitted the following day and reassessed daily until no live lice or nits are present. Students who return to school without having the required treatment, will be sent home at the end of the school day with treatment instructions. A phone call will be made to the parent or guardian by the school administrator/designee.

Successful treatment of head lice requires a coordinated approach that may involve the use of recognized anti-lice products, combing and implementation of preventative measures recommended by health authorities as well as classroom interventions. It is the district's intent to not only eliminate the current infestation, but also to prevent a repeat episode.

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 433.255](#)

[ORS 433.260](#)

[OAR 333-019-0010](#)

[OAR 437-002-0360](#)

[OAR 581-022-0705](#)