

## **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.

Consequently, in order to prevent the spread of pediculosis (head lice) in the school setting, district staff shall institute guidelines for classrooms that will assist in the prevention of and the spread of head lice. A student with a suspected cases of lice shall be referred to the CARE RN, Care team staff, designated secretarial staff 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.

A student found with live lice will be excluded from school. A student excluded from school will be sent home with instructions for treatment and removal. The excluded student will be readmitted the following day after an assessment by designated personnel to confirm no live lice are present. Students found with nits (lice eggs) only or returning after exclusion with the presence of nits only will not be excluded, but will be subject to periodic checks to confirm continuing absence of live lice. A phone call will be made to the parent or guardian by the school administrator/designee to update on status.

Successful treatment of head lice requires a coordinated approach and may involve the use of antilouse products, combing and implementation of preventative measures recommended by health authorities. Treatment information will be provided by the district to parents of students found to have contracted head lice. It is the district's intent to encourage elimination of the current infestation and to prevent a repeat episode.

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

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 433.255](#)

[ORS 433.260](#)

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