

**North Santiam
School District**

Code: **JHCCF**
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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. 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 and spread of head lice. Students with suspected cases of lice will be referred to the district nurse or appropriate staff member for assessment. Parents or guardians will be notified that their child has lice. Upon returning to school, students need a note or personal contact with office staff to indicate that the student has received treatment to remove the lice.

Successful treatment of head lice requires a coordinated approach and may involve the use of anti-lice products, combing and the implementation of preventative measures as recommended by health authorities. The district will provide parents of student found to have contracted head lice with treatment information. 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](#)

National Association of School Nurses, Pediculosis Management in the School Setting: Position Statement Revised 2011.
American Academy of Pediatrics: Position Statement on Head Lice 8-1-2012.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Head Lice Information for Schools 2011.