

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

(Excludes students infested with either live lice or nits. Does not allow attendance of students with nits.)

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 shall be referred to the school nurse or administrator for assessment. Students found with live lice or nits will be excluded from school attendance. The district recognizes that the Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, no longer requires excluding for the presence of nits (lice eggs) and allows discretion to districts to exclude. Students excluded from school will be readmitted after assessment by designated personnel to confirm no lice or nits are present.

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. The district will provide parents of students 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](#)