

**South Wasco County
School District 1**

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, the district shall develop guidelines for classrooms to assist in the prevention and spread of head lice. Students with suspected cases of lice will be referred to school staff for assessment. Students found with live lice will be excluded from school. Students excluded from school will be readmitted after reassessment by designated staff to confirm that no live lice are present. Students found with nits (lice egg) 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.

Successful treatment of head lice requires a coordinated approach and may involve the use of antilouse products, combing and implementation of preventive 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 any outbreak or infestation, but also to prevent a repeat episode.

At least once a year, all schools will communicate with families regarding prevention and treatment of head lice. The school will notify all parents of students in a classroom upon the discovery of a single case of live lice in that classroom. In the event that three or more unrelated cases of live lice are diagnosed at a school within a two-week period, parents of all students at the school will be notified.

The superintendent or designee 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](#)