

Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

Code: **JHCCF-AR**
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Pediculosis (Head Lice)

~~(Excludes a students with 10 or more live lice only. ; Allows attendance of a students with nits. and less than 10 live lice.)~~

The process for excluding students is still at the discretion of the district. This is the new recommended language from the Oregon Health Authority.

~~Students found to have contracted head lice will be subject to the following procedures:~~

~~1. Suggested school measures for head lice control, as provided in “Health Services for the School Community”²² “Communicable Disease”¹ issued through the Oregon Department of Education will be followed;~~

1. ~~Periodic student head lice checks of students are not recommended.; however~~ may be performed. ~~S~~screening recommendations are as follows:

a. Criteria for screening an individual for lice are:

(1) ~~p~~Persistent itching or scratching;

(2) ~~k~~Known exposure to sibling or other close contact with head lice (e.g., seat mate in classroom, locker partners, overnight sleep activities, scouts, etc);

(3) ~~s~~Self (student or parent) referral;

b. ~~Three nonrelated One~~ cases of head lice in a classroom ~~within 10 consecutive school days~~ requires that all ~~children~~ students in the classroom be screened by the following school day;

c. If there is infestation among three percent of the entire student population within 10 consecutive school days, there should be a screening of all students in the school within one week. Multiple cases from a single household count as one case for purposes of calculating the percentage of students infested.

~~2. As provided by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-019-0010, students found to have contracted head lice will be excluded from school at the discretion of the local school or health district. The presence of nits (lice eggs) only is not considered excludable;~~

2. Staff will maintain the privacy of students identified as being infected with head lice;

3. ~~Treatment information, district policy requirements and readmittance provisions will be provided to the~~ parent. ~~A P~~parents will be advised to:

a. Use a lice-killing agent ~~which their~~ that a health care provider, school nurse or local health authority ~~has~~ recommended ~~and~~

b. Follow the personal and household cleaning instructions provided by the district, health care provider or local health authority, as appropriate;

c. ~~Remove all nits after treatment.~~ **Removal of all nits after treatment is highly recommended.**

¹<http://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsfety/documents/commmdisease.pdf>

5. ~~Following treatment the student will be readmitted to school;~~
4. Following treatment, the student may be readmitted to school. An adult must either accompany the student to school for readmittance or a parent must provide a signed statement that treatment has been initiated;
5. The student will be subject to screening by designated personnel to determine the treatment's effectiveness. The student will be readmitted to school or denied admittance, as appropriate. ~~The absence of nits is not required for readmittance. In the event the student is not readmitted to school because of the continued presence of live lice, parents will be asked to take the student home and retreat and/or remove any live lice;~~
6. A Sstudents who has been readmitted to school will be subject to follow-up screening by designated personnel;
7. The parent should contact their local health department or school nurse. In the event additional assistance and/or information is needed regarding the treatment of the student, other family members, close contacts and the home environment (e.g., bedding, linens, grooming equipment, etc.), ~~parents should contact their local health department;~~
8. A Sstudents with chronic head lice may be referred for follow-up to the school's nurse or local health department, as appropriate;
9. A Pparents who identifies head lice on their student(s) at home ~~are to~~ should complete treatment prior to the readmission of their student, as required above. A Pparents ~~are~~ is also encouraged to notify the school of their student's condition so that appropriate preventative measures may be implemented at school.

Note: The most common means of transmission is through physical/direct (head to head) contact. Indirect transmission is uncommon but may occur from shared combs, brushes, hats, and hair accessories that have been in contact with an infested person. Presence of nits does not indicate active infestation and no evidence is found that presence of nits correlates with any disease process (Scott, Gilmer, Johannessen, 2004). Other studies show that lice are not highly transferable in the school setting (Hootman, 2002) and not outbreaks of lice resulted when allowing children with nits to remain in class (Scott, Gilmer & Johannessen, 2004).