

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

(Excludes a student infested with live lice; does not allow attendance of a student with live lice)

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Successful treatment of head lice requires a coordinated approach and may involve the use of anti-louse 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

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 433.255](#)
[ORS 433.260](#)

[OAR 333-019-0010](#)
[OAR 437-002-0360](#)
[OAR 581-022-0705](#)

Oregon School Boards Association Selected Sample Policy

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Adopted:

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