

Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

Code: **JHCCF**
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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.

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. A Sstudents with a suspected cases of head lice will be referred to the school nurse, or **designee administrator** for assessment. A Sstudents found with live lice **will may** be excluded from school. A parent of the student will be notified and treatment will be requested. ~~[A student with a severe infestation[†] will be excluded immediately until treated.]~~ ~~[A Sstudents excluded from school that has been treated will be readmitted after an assessment by designated personnel. to confirm no lice are present.]~~ Students found with nits (lice eggs) 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. The student may be subject to periodic checks.

The Ssuccessful 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. Treatment information will be provided by the district to the parents of students found to have contracted head lice.

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.

Corrected 2/14/17

[†]Ten or more live lice are present on the student upon assessment by designated personnel.