

Students

Administrative Procedure – Measures to Control the Spread of Head Lice at School

Actor	Action
School Nurse	<p>Provides information regarding control to staff, students, and parents. Provides in-service to school personnel on preventing transmission in classrooms, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidentiality requirements • Identification • Precautions against self-contamination and cross-contamination, e.g., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Carpets should be vacuumed frequently. b. Cloth-covered stuffed animals, sleeping mats, pillows, sofas, and other stuffed furniture should be discouraged. • Treatment and resources for treatment. • Readmission requirements. • Respect for sensitivity of students and parents/guardians regarding this condition.
Parents/Guardians	<p>Assist in preventing and managing head lice outbreaks by regularly checking their children’s hair and providing immediate treatment if lice are detected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check your child’s hair and scalp regularly for eggs; tiny white or grayish grains stuck to the hair. Do not allow your child to use other children’s combs, brushes, hats, etc. • If you find your child does have head lice, please inform the school • Several shampoos to kill lice are on the market. Buy a lice product at your drug store or the pharmacy section of your food store. Ordinary shampoos will not be effective. • Hats, combs, brushes, and bed linens should be cleaned thoroughly. After the medicated shampoo, you can loosen the eggs with scalp rinses of vinegar, and then slide the eggs off the hair shaft with tweezers, a special fine tooth comb, or your fingernails
Staff	<p>To prevent the spread of head lice infestations, report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible.</p>
School Nurse	<p>Inspect the head of any student reasonably suspected of having head lice as soon as possible. Check the siblings of any student with head lice and notify other</p>

	<p>schools where siblings attend. Inform the parent(s)/guardian(s) about recommended treatment procedures and sources of further information. If more than one student is affected in any class, examine all students in the class and provide information about head lice to all parents/guardians of students in the class.</p>
Building Principal	<p>If lice are found, exclude the student from attendance.</p>
Staff	<p>Maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and excluded from attendance.</p>
School Nurse	<p>Examine any excluded student and verify to the Building Principal that lice are gone so that the student may return.</p> <p>Notify parent(s)/guardian(s) whose excluded student has not returned to school within 3 days of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School attendance leave• Action which may be taken if absence continues• Resources for treatment information

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