

## Three Rivers School District

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Policy: JHCCF Adopted: 11/17/15

## PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

(Excludes a student with live lice; allows attendance of a student with nits, if treated.)

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 administrator for assessment. A Sstudents found with live lice or nits will be excluded from school attendance. A parent of the student will be notified and treatment will be requested. The district recognizes that the Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, no longer requires excluding for the presence of nits (lice eggs) and allows discretion to districts to exclude. A Sstudents excluded from school that has been treated will be readmitted after an assessment by designated personnel to confirm no live lice or nits are present. The student may be subject to periodic checks to confirm the continuing absence of lice.

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. Treatment information will be provided by the district to the parents of students found to have contracted head lice. It is the district's intent to not only eliminate the current infestation, but also 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

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