

**REVISED GUIDELINE - VOL. 31, NO. 2**

[DRAFTING NOTE: THE OPTIONS MARKED "OPTION 2" ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE MDCH AND MDE RECOMMENDED HEAD LICE POLICY. "OPTION 3" BELOW IS OFFERED BASED ON RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CDC, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICIANS, AMONG OTHER AGENCIES. ADDITIONALLY, THE OPTIONS WITH RESPECT TO INSPECTING OTHER CHILDREN MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE MDCH/MDE POLICY'S CONFIDENTIALITY RECOMMENDATIONS.]

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PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

Whenever a student is found to be infested with head lice, [OPTION #1] s/he is to be sent home for treatment. ~~If parents cannot be contacted~~ and not readmitted until the parent completes Form 8450A F3 [ ] and it is confirmed that the child is free of any nits. [OPTION #2 ] s/he may remain in school until the end of the school day but shall be restricted from activities involving close head-to-head contact or sharing personal items with other children.

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**PICK ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) OPTIONS:**

**[OPTION #1]**

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[ ] ~~The student may not be readmitted to school until the parent completes Form 8450A F3 and it is confirmed that the child is free of any nits.~~

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**[OPTION #2]**

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[ ] ~~The student may not be readmitted to school until the parent completes Form 8450A F3 and, upon examination by the school, no live lice are found. If a student has no live lice, but has nits closer than one quarter inch from the scalp, s/he shall be re-checked for lice and nits on each school day until no live lice and no nits within one quarter inch of the scalp are found.~~

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**[OPTION #3]**

[x] The student may be readmitted to school the following day, but will be subject to examination by appropriate school personnel until no live lice and no nits within one quarter inch of the scalp are found. [END OF OPTION #3]

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The necessary at home treatment for lice is contained in Form 8450A F1, Form 8450A F1 which is to be sent to the parent along with and the cover letter (Form 8450A F2) shall be provided to the parents/legal guardians of the student.

[x] In situations involving continued active infestation after appropriate treatment, persistent infestation after six consecutive weeks, or three separate cases within one school year, a multidisciplinary group consisting of parents, teachers, administrators, social workers, school nurse and/or other appropriate persons will convene to determine the best approach to address the situation.

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[x] The other students in the infested student's classroom and the student's sibling(s) should be examined for evidence of either the lice or lice eggs (nits). The examinations should be done by

[x] each student's parents.

(+) the school nurse.

[x] the classroom teacher.

[x] the school Principal secretary.