

Morrow County School District

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Pediculosis (Head Lice)

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 of and the spread of head lice. A students with a suspected case of lice shall be referred to the CARE RN, CARE team staff, designated secretarial staff building or administrator or designee, for assessment. Students found with live lice or nits will be excluded from school attendance. 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. Students excluded from school will be readmitted after assessment by designated personnel to confirm no lice or nits are present. When a student is found to have contracted head lice, the district will provide his/her parents with recommended treatment information.

A student found with live lice will be excluded from school. A student excluded from school will be sent home with instructions for treatment and removal. The excluded student will be readmitted the following day after an assessment by designated personnel to confirm no live 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. A phone call will be made to the parent or guardian by the school administrator/designee to update on status.

Successful treatment of head lice requires a coordinated approach and may involve the use of anti-lice products, combing and implementation of preventative measures recommended by health authorities. Treatment information ~~The district will provided~~ by the district to parents of students found to have contracted head lice ~~with treatment information.~~ It is the district's intent to encourage ~~not only~~ eliminate ion of the current infestation, ~~but also~~ 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](#)

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