

## Students

**SUBJECT: HEAD LICE**

While a nuisance, head lice do not pose a public health risk. Consistent with accepted medical knowledge, the school nurse will determine the infestation and inform the parent or person in parental relation immediately if their student has been identified as having an active case of head lice and will provide resources. The student may be released to the parent or person in parental relation immediately with such early departure considered an excused absence.

Following corrective treatment, a student who has been infested will be readmitted to school after successfully completing an examination by the school nurse. Current treatment protocols make this possible in less than twenty-four (24) hours.

School staff will protect student privacy and maintain confidentiality of medical information when infestations are detected.

The Board of Education shall promote district and community awareness of accepted medical knowledge, including head lice prevention and treatment, by providing informational notifications to staff, parents or persons in parental relation to students at the beginning of each school year and thereafter as warranted, as well as posting such information on the school website.

In the event regulations or procedures are developed implementing this policy, the Superintendent will work with the District's medical director or one or more school nurses to ensure those regulations or procedures are consistent with accepted medical knowledge and best nursing practice.

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