

**SERIES 400
STUDENTS**

Administrative Rule 453.31(1)

PROCEDURES FOR THE CONTROL AND TREATMENT OF HEAD LICE/NITS IN THE SCHOOL

1. Any student who is suspected of having head lice shall be removed from the classroom as unobtrusively as possible to be screened. Head lice checks may be made periodically on any child as necessary during the school year. This may include classroom checks or all-school checks. Friends and siblings of infested students shall be checked for head lice. Students with head lice or untreated nits shall not attend school. All new and returning students must be screened. The district may screen all students as needed.
2. If live lice or untreated nits are apparent:
 - a) The parent/guardian shall be contacted by phone. The child should be isolated and sent home with his/her belongings.
 - b) Treatment of the student and the environment shall be explained to the parent/guardian.
 - c) The head lice information packet will be given to the parent including: Head Lice Treatment Checklist, Information Regarding Head Lice, and the Head Lice Policy/Procedure.
 - d) Parents/guardians shall be strongly encouraged to remove all nits and casings after treatment with a lice shampoo before re-admittance to school.
 - e) The district may screen all students as needed.
3. Re-admission to school:
 - a) The student shall be checked by the District School Nurse or his/her designee upon return to school, to be assured of treatment.
 - b) Presence of live lice shall constitute exclusion and treatment shall be repeated.
 - c) The district school nurse or his/her designee will check the student's head for live lice periodically, or until assured that the head is clear.
 - d) The district may screen all students as needed.
 - e) Excessive absence from school may result in referral for suspected truancy.
4. School Environment:
 - a) The "Classroom Checklist for Lice" will be given to the classroom teacher and followed for those classrooms where detection of live lice occurred.
 - b) Letters for parents/guardians of all students in that classroom shall be sent home with the students, explaining that lice have been discovered in their child's classroom and it will be responsibility of the parent to check their own children. Instructions on how to check their own children for head lice will also be included with the note.
 - c) Classrooms will be checked by the District school nurse or his/her designee should that classroom have 3 or more cases in that room identified. The district may screen all students as needed.

Cross References: 453.31 Head Lice/Nits
Administrative Exhibit 453.31 (1), Letter to Parents/Guardians Regarding Cases of Head Lice
Administrative Exhibit 453.31(2) Head Lice Treatment
Administrative Rule 453.31 (2), Guidelines for Cleaning Classroom and Storing Clothing

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