

Policy: HS-14

Subject: Prevention/Control of Head Lice

Performance Objective: To prevent absenteeism and encourage school readiness.

Related Regulations: 1302.41

Operational Procedure:

School Wide Head Checks will not be completed. If a staff member sees live lice on a child, that child will be checked by the school nurse or other properly trained staff.

SCREENINGS

Live Lice: Students who are found to have live head lice will be sent home.

Parents/guardians or an emergency contact will be summoned by the office staff to pick the child up from school. If parents/guardians are unwilling or uncooperative, a school administrator may intervene. The student will be excluded from school until he/she is re-examined by trained school personnel and found free of lice and their viable eggs (nits).

Nits Only: The student's parents/guardians will be contacted by phone or school note. The student may remain in school the remainder of the day, but he/she must be re-examined by trained school personnel and found free of lice and their viable eggs (nits) the following morning before they may return to class.

School/District personnel shall offer parents/guardians of students identified as having live lice and/or nits:

1. Visual evidence of live lice and/or nits in the student's hair;
2. A head lice Advice packet; and
3. Head lice Policy information.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

1. Students who have been sent home from school due to head lice infestation may not return to school alone. They must be accompanied by an adult.

2. The student will be examined by school personnel. At the discretion of school personnel, the student may return to class.

3. If evidence of live lice and viable eggs (nits) are found during the examination, the student may not return to class. A parent/guardian may bring the student back later the same day to be re-checked. If a child has been sent home for an active head lice infestation, that child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian back to class. The student will only be permitted to return to class.