

STUDENTS

Regulation 2861

Student Services

Head Lice

At least two school-wide screenings for head lice shall be conducted during the school term. The first of these shall be done at the beginning of the term and the other shall be conducted after Christmas break. Additional spot checks, either of individuals, classrooms or school-wide may be conducted as is deemed necessary by school administration and/or school health officials.

When a child with head lice is detected:

1. The parent or guardian shall be asked to come to school and take the child home. When a parent or guardian arrives, the appearance and location of nits on the individual's head shall be demonstrated. If a parent or guardian can not be contacted and the infested child must remain at school, the child shall be isolated in the health room or in a designated location until the parent or guardian can be notified or until school is dismissed for the day.
2. Children with head lice shall not be readmitted to school until they have been treated with an approved pediculicide, carefully following package instructions on usage; and, until all visible nits have been removed from the child's hair. Each returning child shall be examined by the school nurse or other designated personnel prior to re-admittance. If a child should present a physician's note, that child still can not be admitted without a satisfactory examination by the school nurse or other designated individual.

The child shall receive a second pediculicide treatment eight (8) to ten (10) days following the first pediculicide treatment. A note from the parent or guardian indicating when the treatment was administered shall be required. The child may return to school between treatments, provided the nurse or designated individual has examined him/her and determined that there are no visible nits. The child's re-admittance between treatments does not absolve the parent or guardian of his responsibility to administer the second pediculicide treatment.

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