

Students

HEAD LICE

The Governing Board believes that the district's head lice management program should emphasize the correct diagnosis and treatment of head lice in order to minimize disruption of the education process and to reduce the number of student absences resulting from infestation.

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible. The nurse or designee shall examine the student and other students who are siblings of the affected student or members of the same household.

If a student is found with active, adult head lice, he/she shall be excluded from attendance. The parent/guardian of an excluded student shall receive information about recommended treatment procedures and sources of further information. The student shall be allowed to return to school the next day and shall be checked by the nurse or designee before returning to class. Once he/she is determined to be free of lice, the student shall be rechecked weekly for up to six weeks.

The Superintendent or designee shall send home the notification required by law for excluded students. (Education Code 48213)

When two or more students in any class have been identified as having a head lice infestation, all students in the class shall be examined by the end of the same school day if possible. In consultation with the school nurse, the principal shall also send information in a timely fashion, within reason, about head lice home to all parents/guardians of the students in that class notifying them that their child has been checked for head lice.

Staff shall make every effort to maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and excluded from attendance.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48210-48214 Persons excluded

49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent

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