

## **FCAC: Head Lice**

The District shall make an effort to assist in head lice prevention. Administration should issue guidance to parents on an annual basis on head lice screening techniques and prevention. The District may perform a head lice screening on any student exhibiting symptoms of a lice infestation and/or will notify the child's parent/guardian of the suspected infestation. The District may also perform a head lice screening on any student who has had head-to-head contact with an infested student and/or will notify child's parent/guardian that the child has been directly exposed to head lice.

Administration should issue information to classroom teachers on head lice symptoms and prevention. Upon learning that a student is infested with head lice, district staff members shall report this information to the building principal. The building principal shall work with affected teachers and other necessary district personnel (as determined by administration) to implement a plan to reduce head-to-head contact among students.

Students found to be infected with live lice will be sent home so that treatment can be administered. Students will be rescreened when they return to school to insure that they do not have live lice. If live lice are found, the student will be sent home again.

Students with nits may remain in school. The parent/guardian will be contacted so that treatment can be administered.

### **Reporting Infestations & Confidentiality**

The Superintendent shall develop materials and a protocol for informing the parent of a lice-infected student of the infestation and treatment methods. The Superintendent shall also develop a procedure for alerting the parents of students who were exposed to the infected student. This procedure shall prohibit release of the infected student's personally identifiable information unless an exception applies under FERPA (e.g., release to educational officials with a legitimate need to know).

This confidentiality provision does not prohibit teacher or administrators from reporting suspected child abuse/neglect as required by law.

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