



Title: **Head Lice**

Code: 209.3

Book: Policy Manual

Section: 200 Pupils

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the prevention and control of head lice in the children attending school in the Central Greene School District.

Guidelines

At any time during the school year, the school nurse may assess any student for head lice. If live lice are identified during assessment, the following procedure will be implemented:

1. An attempt to reach parents/guardians for child to be picked up and treated will be made. If unable to reach parents/guardians, the student shall remain in the classroom for the remainder of the school day. A note with information regarding treatment and expectations to return to school for re-assessment with parent/guardian present will be sent home.
2. Verbal instructions and/or written instructions will be given to the parent/guardian before the student leaves the building. It is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to follow these instructions and rid the student of lice so that the student may be readmitted to school. These instructions will

include treatment options, as well as management of the student's environment and prevention.

3. A log will be kept on each student, tracking the dates and frequency of infestation.
4. Rather than classroom checks, if a student is found to have live lice, siblings will be checked, even if the siblings are in other buildings within the district.

After lice treatment has been completed at home, the student should be accompanied by the parent/guardian to the nurses' office the day after s/he was excluded to be re-assessed. The student should not ride the school bus but come with parent/guardian to the school for assessment.

If upon re-assessment the student is found to have live lice, the student will be denied admission to school, instructions given to parent/guardian on treatment options, sent home with parent/guardian to complete treatment and be expected to report to school nurse the following day with parent/guardian.

5. Each case will be handled on an individual basis as to whether child welfare agency needs to be contacted. (i.e. excessive absences, lack of parent/guardian cooperation).
6. Students with nits only should not be excluded from school, parent/guardian will be notified & informed of findings. Educational information regarding treatment and prevention will be sent home with student at end of school day.

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