

Bed Bugs: Information for Parents & Guardians

North Kansas City School District – Student Health Services

Our approach

If bed bugs are suspected on a student or their belongings, staff follow the district's Bed Bug Procedure and refer to the Bed Bug Information Sheet for identification.

What happens if bed bugs are found

- The nurse examines the student's clothing/belongings and safely collects a specimen for identification.
- The nurse notifies the Assistant Director of Health Services, and the Facility Manager arranges cleaning of affected areas.
- A licensed pest management professional confirms whether the insect is a bed bug.
- If confirmed, maintenance and facility staff coordinate professional treatment of necessary locations.
- Your student is given clean clothes to wear while infested items are washed, dried, or heat-treated.
- You will be notified the same day bed bugs are confirmed, and given guidance and resources on managing bed bugs (including a Bed Bug Information letter).
- If your student has siblings at other NKCS D schools, those schools' Facility Managers will be notified and will follow the same cleaning and treatment protocols as needed.

Working together

We use a partnership approach to assess your home situation and connect you with resources to manage and eliminate bed bugs. The nurse or administrator may ask:

- Were you already aware of bed bugs on your student or in your home?
- How many other adults and children live in the home, and what are their ages? Who else may need to be checked, including siblings at other NKCS D schools?
- Do you have a working washer and dryer?
- Do you have consistent running water, including hot water?
- Do you have consistent electricity, gas, and other utilities (needed for lighting and to run a dryer)?

If any needs are identified, we can connect you with the School Community Resource Specialist (SCRS) for help with financial resources, utilities, and other assistance.

If treatment doesn't happen

If an infestation isn't being managed after notice has been given, the nurse may inform the principal and School Community Resource Specialist, who may refer the matter to the Children's Division of the Department of Social Services.

Questions? Contact your school nurse – we partner with families to resolve bed bug concerns quickly and keep students comfortable and learning.