SUGAR VALLEY RURAL CHARTER SCHOOL

POLICY NUMBER: 203.2

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: **HEAD LICE**

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HEAD LICE

PURPOSE

Lice are a nuisance, but they do not cause disease and are not dangerous. It is important to protect the privacy of students.

By the time lice have been found, the child has probably had them for three to four weeks.

School is not a high-risk place for getting lice. Friends and family spread the majority of cases.

Head lice are a social issue not a health threat. " No nit" policies place a disproportionate amount of emphasis on head lice management than in real health concerns, which should be higher priority. This over-emphasis can lead to unproductive use of time by school staff and parents, missed classes, unnecessary absences, and parents missing work.

AUTHORITY

A policy shall be established that defines the handling of head lice for Sugar Valley Rural Charter School students. This includes measures to control the spread of head lice and the reoccurrence on an individual basis.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

This policy shall be implemented under the direction of the certified school nurse

GUIDELINES

Parents/Guardians of students who are found with an active case of head lice will be contacted with information of appropriate treatment. Close contacts of the identified cases will be checked at the discretion of the nurse.

Educational materials will be offered.