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No student shall be denied an education solely by reason of head lice infestation, and his/her educational program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize the risk of transmitting the infestation.

In all matters concerning pediculosis/head lice infestation, the following procedures will be followed:

- To prevent the spread of head lice infestations, school employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the office/or school nurse (if available in building).
- Verification of head lice infestation must be made by second employee.
- Upon confirmation of head lice infestation (either nits or live bugs), the student's parent/guardian shall be notified.
- The student may *return* to the classroom (with nits or live bugs) and remain at school until dismissal at the end of the day. The Principal or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian and send home appropriate paperwork with student.
- The parent/guardian will be given a copy of the district Pediculosis/Head Lice Policy and a checklist to complete before student returns to school.
- Students found to have head lice should be treated promptly by their parent/guardian to minimize the infestation. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure correct application of the head lice product and follow through with treatment upon recommendation as provided by a pharmacist, physician, or school nurse.
- The student may return to school upon verification of treatment and signed completion of the Head Lice Checklist. The parent/guardian of the student must accompany the child to school and deliver the signed Head Lice Check List to the school Principal or designee.
- The student's head will be rechecked to ensure that no live lice are found after treatment.
- Chronic or continual head lice infestation, and or failure to follow instructions for re-admittance to school may be reported to the Director of Health Services, Department of Human Services and/or juvenile authorities.

Reference: CDC: Head Lice Information for Schools
<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html>