

**HEAD LICE**

District Health Services shall send information about the treatment and control of head lice to parents/guardian as needed to prevent the spread of infestations. As part of the health curriculum, teachers shall stress the importance of head lice preventive measures.

The Governing Board recognizes that responsibility for the treatment of head lice rests with the home. When lice are found, the student shall be sent home with proper parental notification. Parents will also be advised to treat the student(s) immediately with the expectation that the student will return to school the next day.

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school principal or designee as soon as possible. Health staff or designees shall examine the student and any siblings of the affected student or member of the same household. If an active infestation is found, the student shall be excluded and parents/guardians informed about recommended treatment procedures, ways to check the hair, and sources of further information.

1. The principal shall send home the notification required by law for excluded students. (Education Code 48213)
2. Excluded students may return to school when they provide proof verifying treatment. Adequate proof may be a doctor's note, written assurance by the parent or an empty package of approved pediculicide. In order for a treated student to continue to attend school, a second treatment must be done seven to ten calendar days after the initial treatment. Proof of the second treatment shall be provided to the nurse or designee.
3. Staff shall make every effort to maintain the privacy of student identified as having head lice and excluded for treatment.
4. If there is more than one student affected in any one classroom, all students in the class shall be examined and information about head lice shall be sent home to all parents/guardians of students in the class.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE*48210-48214 Persons excluded**49451 Physical examination: parent's refusal to consent*

## Policy

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