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## HEAD LICE POLICY FOR COLUMBIA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The following is the Columbia Borough School District's routine for checking and/or exclusion from school due to head lice:

1. Periodic examinations of pupils for head lice infestation should be made by the school nurses.
2. When a case of head lice is found, the student should be excluded from school with a letter or telephone call to the parent, recommending treatment.
3. Proof of treatment (shampoo box top or a note from the physician should be required on return to school the following morning. The child shall be checked again by the school nurse.
4. If the child has not been satisfactorily treated, the student should be refused readmission to school and sent home with a second letter or telephone call. The parent will be advised that the above treatment must be repeated and proof of treatment presented to the school nurse on the third morning.
5. If the child returns untreated a third time, the following absences will be referred to the principal's office.
6. If the student does not return the following morning, after the initial exclusion, this day and subsequent days missed will be considered illegal absences.
7. If the child continues to be infested with head lice and/or nits, family will be reported to the local or state health authorities and after a fourth day of absences.
8. After the child is readmitted to school, they should be required to repeat the treatment and present proof of treatment to the school nurse. This treatment should be done ten (10) days after readmission to school.
9. The student who is readmitted to school will be rechecked by the school nurse on a regular basis the remainder of the school term.
10. It is hoped that this list of regulations will enable all students excluded from school due to lice to return in 3 days at the most. Many times a child was absent 12-20 days and this is thought to be completely out of reason.