

recently examined the pupil or provide to the school nurse a written statement from the parent/guardian stating their objection to the screening/exam.

Head Lice Policy

Head lice are a condition of infestation of lice on the scalp. The presence of lice in the school environment poses a serious concern to fellow students, parents, and to school officials. For the well-being of all concerned, in accordance with school district policy, students with head lice will be excluded from school until properly treated and all nits have been removed. For the purpose of this policy, a viable nit is one that has the potential of hatching as determined by a Marion School District nurse.

A student who is confirmed with head lice shall be sent home immediately to be treated. Viable nits must be removed before the student can return to school. Prior to the student's return to school, the parent or guardian must complete a form, provided by the school nurse, indicating the method of treatment used to eliminate the head lice. This completed form must be returned to the school nurse. If the student returns to school without being treated or returns with viable nits still in the hair, the student shall be immediately sent home.

If a student is sent home three consecutive times positive for head lice and/or viable nits, the student's condition will be reported by the school nurse to Department of Human Services (DHS) for further evaluation. In addition, the district reserves the right to contact DHS as needed.

Each school may conduct screenings of students for human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment as needed. The screenings shall be conducted in a manner that respects the privacy and confidentiality of each student.

Tobacco Use

Smoking or the use of tobacco, or products containing tobacco in any form, in or on any property owned or leased by the district, including buses or other school vehicles, is prohibited.

The prohibition includes any product that is manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, or under any other name or descriptor.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-21-609
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Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect

It is the statutory duty of certified school district employees who have reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or maltreatment to directly and personally report these suspicions to the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline, by calling 1-800-482-5964. Failure to report suspected child abuse, maltreatment or neglect by calling the Hotline can lead to criminal prosecution and individual civil liability of the person who has this duty. Notification of local or state law enforcement does not satisfy the duty to report; only notification by means of the Child Abuse Hotline discharges this duty.