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Students

SUBJECT: PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

Few conditions seem to cause as much concern in schools and homes as an infestation of head lice in children. Students in the elementary grades are the most likely target hosts for these insect pests which ignore any perceived socio-economic class distinctions and can be found in any family. Further, the presence of these pests does not indicate a lack of personal hygiene or cleanliness.

Since attendance in school is directly related to student academic success, any action which limits attendance should be avoided, if possible. To minimize student absenteeism, students will not be excluded from school for nits.

Whenever a student is found to have live lice, the school nurse shall contact the student's parent/natural guardian and the student will be sent home. A student will not be permitted to return to school unless corrective treatment has been given and the student is free of active live lice. A student must be accompanied by a parent/natural guardian upon the student's return to school at which time the school nurse will complete an examination of the student to ensure that no live lice are found.

Students will be checked again by the school nurse seven to ten days after they have returned to school.

Regulations shall be developed by the Administration to provide guidelines on the detection and treatment of head lice, as well as classroom procedures for dealing with affected students which shall consider and maintain privacy and confidentiality at all times.

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