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HEAD LICE

When a case of head lice is found in an elementary school, the following procedures will apply:

- 4403.1 All children in the classroom in which the case is confirmed will be checked for head lice and parent/guardians notified.
- 4403.2 The principal will notify all staff in the school that a head lice infection has been reported.
- 4403.3 The child or children found to have head lice will be sent home. It is preferable to have the parent/guardian pick up the child at school so that information on procedures for treatment can be discussed. If that is not possible, a written notice will be sent home with the child outlining recommended treatment.
- 4303.4 The child may be admitted to school only after the principal and nurse have been satisfied that the head lice has been adequately treated, and all eggs have been removed. If the principal and/or the nurse determines that lice or eggs (nits) are still present, the child will be refused admittance to school.
- 4303.5 If a child is absent repeatedly due to head lice, or there is evidence that a child has been neglected with respect to treatment of head lice, the principal shall refer the case to the Department of Social Services.
- 4303.6 Principals shall ensure procedures are in place to eliminate sources of lice contagions in classrooms.

The middle and high school principals will use essentially the same procedure outlined above; however, some modifications may be necessary due to the age of the student and his/her daily school schedule.