

HEAD LICE

School district personnel may not prohibit a student infected with head lice from attending school.

School district personnel shall make an effort to assist in the prevention and management of head lice.

1. Annually, the Superintendent ~~shall~~ **may** issue guidance to parents on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of head lice.
2. The Superintendent shall develop material and a protocol for informing the parent of a student infected with lice of the infestation and available treatment methods.
3. The Superintendent shall develop a procedure for alerting the parents of students who were exposed to the infected student. This procedure shall prohibit release of the infected student's personally identifiable information unless an exception applies under FERPA (e.g., release to educational officials with a legitimate need to know.)

~~The District shall make an effort to assist in head lice prevention. Administration should issue guidance to parents on an annual basis on head lice screening techniques and prevention. The District may perform a head lice screening on any student exhibiting symptoms of a lice infestation and/or will notify the child's parent/guardian of the suspected infestation. The District may also perform a head lice screening and on any student who has had head-to-head contact with an infested student and/or will notify the child's parent/guardian that the child has been directly exposed to head lice.~~

~~Administration should issue information to classroom teachers on head lice symptoms and prevention. Upon learning that a student is infested with head lice, district staff members shall report this information to the building principal. The building principal shall work with affected teachers and other necessary district personnel (as determined by administration) to implement a plan to reduce head-to-head contact among students.~~

~~Reporting Infestations & Confidentiality~~

~~The Superintendent shall develop material and a protocol for informing the parent of a lice infected student of the infestation and treatment methods. The Superintendent shall also develop a procedure for alerting the parents of students who were exposed to the infected student. This procedure shall prohibit release of the infected student's personally identifiable information unless an exception applies under FERPA (e.g., release to educational officials with a legitimate need to know).~~

~~This confidentiality provision does not prohibit teachers or administrators from reporting suspected child abuse/neglect as required by law.~~

Management of Head Lice

School district personnel may perform a head lice screening on any student exhibiting symptoms of a lice infestation and on any student who has had head-to-head contact with a student believed to have head lice.

1. A student found to be infected with head lice must be reported to the building principal immediately.
2. The building principal shall work with teachers and other personnel to implement a plan to reduce head-to-head contact among students.
3. School district personnel shall notify the student's parent of a suspected infestation.

Nothing in this policy prohibits school district personnel from reporting the suspected abuse or neglect of a student as required by law.

Complimentary Documents

- FCAC-AR, Significant Contagious Diseases-Head Lice

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