

## **Board Policy**

### **Head Lice**

BP 5141.33(a)

### **Students**

The Board of Education recognizes that students found to have head lice require treatment but do not pose a risk of transmitting disease, are not a health hazard and are not a sign of uncleanliness. The Superintendent or designee shall encourage early detection and treatment in a manner that minimizes disruption to the educational program and reduces student absences. Student absences will be excused and make-up work provided.

The Superintendent or designee may distribute information to parents/guardians of preschool and elementary students regarding routine screening, symptoms, accurate detection, and proper treatment of head lice. The Superintendent or designee also may provide related information to school staff.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school designee as soon as possible. School designee will document and track occurrences to assure treatment.

If a student is found with live head lice, he/she shall be excluded from attendance until no live head lice are detected. The parent/guardian of any such student shall be given information about the treatment of head lice, encouraged to begin treatment immediately and to check all members of the family. The parent/guardian shall be informed that the student will be checked upon return to school the next day and allowed to remain in school if no live head lice are detected. School personnel will continue to check for live head lice during the 10-day incubation period.

If it is determined that the student continues to have live head lice, the principal or designee shall contact the student's parent/guardian to discuss treatment. He/she may provide additional resources as needed.

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

When it is determined that one or more students in a class are found with live head lice, the principal or designee will notify parents/guardians of students in that class, in writing, providing them with information about the detection and treatment of head lice.

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Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48320-48325 School attendance review boards

49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines on Head Lice Prevention and Control for Schools and Child Care Facilities, rev. November 2015

A Parent's Guide to Head Lice, 2016

National Association of School Nurses, Head Lice Management in the School Setting, rev. March 2016

Pediculosis Management, Position Statement, rev. 2011

WEB SITES

American Academy of Pediatrics: <http://www.aap.org>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

National Association of School Nurses: <http://schoolnursenet.nasn.org/home>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Parasitic Disease Information, Head Lice: <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head>

California Department of Public Health Vector-Borne Disease Section:

[www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov)

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