

SERIES 400 – STUDENTS

Student Health and Welfare - 450

Guidelines for the Control and Treatment of Head Lice/Nits (453.8)

A student found to have head lice or transferable nits will be sent home. The student may return to school within 24 hours following treatment. Children will not be able to return to class unless they have been determined to be free of head lice or transferable nits and have the completed checklist.

The policy and checklist (School Board Policy 453.9) shall be given to the student's parent/guardian in explaining the treatments. These shall be discussed with the parent/guardian in order that he/she understand completely the treatment and this is his/her responsibility to perform the treatment before the student may return to school.

Children known to be repeat cases will be checked more frequently, at the nurse's discretion.

The student may return to school the day following the treatment accompanied by the signed checklist and their parent/guardian. The parent/guardian must provide for transportation to school and wait for clearance before leaving.

The School Nurse or his/her designee has the authority to retain students in school or send students home dependent on the lice and/or nit condition of a student's hair. If the student is determined by the School Nurse or his/her designee to be in a nontransferable stage of nits, the student may stay in school but the parents will be contacted.

Notes will be sent home with all students in the classroom if one or more classmates are found to have lice.

The school will keep a log on those students identified to have lice.

A pre-kindergarten through fifth grade school check will occur at the beginning of the school year and other times during outbreak. The school nurse will perform head checks per discretion and teacher request.

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