

Fullerton School District

Board Policy

Head Lice/Pediculosis: No Lice Policy

BP 5141.33

Students

Board Adopted: June 10, 2005

Board Revised: August 25, 2015

The Governing Board recognizes that head lice infestations among students require treatment but do not pose a risk of transmitting disease. The Superintendent or designee shall encourage early detection and treatment in a manner that minimizes disruption to the educational program, maintains confidentiality, and reduces student absences.

The Superintendent or designee may distribute information to parents/guardians of all Fullerton School District students regarding screening, symptoms, accurate diagnosis, and proper treatment of head lice infestations. The Superintendent or designee also may provide related information to school staff.

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible. The school nurse or designee shall examine the student.

If a student is found with active adult head lice, he/she will be excluded from school. The parent/guardian of any such student shall be given information about the treatment of head lice and encouraged to begin treatment of the student immediately and to check all members of the family. The parent/guardian shall also be informed that the student shall be checked upon return to school the next day and allowed to remain in school if no active adult head lice are detected.

Upon the student's return to school, the school nurse or designee shall check the student for active adult head lice. If it is determined that the student remains infected with active adult head lice, the student will be sent home for continued treatment. As needed, the school nurse or designee may provide additional resources and/or referral to the local health department, health care providers, or other agencies.

If a student is found consistently infested with head lice, he/she may be referred to a multidisciplinary team, which may consist of the school nurse, representatives from the local health department and social services, and other appropriate individuals, to determine the best approach for identifying and resolving problems contributing to the student's head lice infestations.

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

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 School Districts and Child Care Facilities,

rev. March 2012

A Parent's Guide to Head Lice, 2008

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL NURSES ORGANIZATION

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>

California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.csno.org>

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

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