

# MARISSA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

## Official Board Policy

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A student with or carrying a communicable and/or chronic infectious disease has all rights, privileges, and services provided by law and the District's policies. The Superintendent will develop procedures for communicable and chronic infectious diseases for the Board's consideration.

The board believes that the presence of a child at school who is infested with head lice or nits jeopardizes the health and welfare of the other children. Children who are infested with head lice or nits are to be excluded from attendance.

The Building Principal or his designee are responsible for inspecting the scalps of those children who are suspected of being infested. If in the judgement of the Principal an infestation of head lice is widespread he may direct that an entire class or all of the building's students be inspected for infestation.

A parent or guardian who objects to their child being inspected by school personnel may provide a written request, valid for one school year stating their objections. In the event an objection is filed and the child is a member of the population to be inspected, the child shall be removed from school until such time that the parent/guardian submits a written report from a licensed physician stating that the child is lice and nit free.

Those children on whom lice or nits have been observed will be sent home after notification of parent/guardian and follow up letter of formal notification. Those sent home for head lice will be considered as absent due to illness for up to three days if necessary. To return and be re-admitted, the parent or child must conform to one of the following:

- a) Present a signed statement from a licensed physician that no head lice or nits are present or
- b) Upon the re-examination by the building administrator or his designee without finding the presence of head lice or nits.

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**§ 7:280 Communicable And Chronic Infectious Disease**

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LEGAL REF.:           Rehabilitation Act, Section 504, 29 U.S.C. § 794(a).  
                          Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §  
                          1400 et seq.  
                          410 ICS 315/2a.  
                          105 ILCS 5/10-21.11.

CROSS REF.:  
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