

PEDICULOSIS *Policy Code: 6140*

CONTROL OF PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE) IN SCHOOL

I. Students with crawling lice should be sent home. It is preferable to have the parent pick up the child at school so the parent can be informed of the school procedure for lice and recommend treatment as well as procedures to follow to prevent spread or re-infestation. A letter should be given to the parent along with “FACTS ABOUT HEAD LICE”. If the parents cannot be contacted, this information and letter should be sent home with the child at the end of the school day.

II. The day after treatment is completed, the child should return to school. Before the student returns to the classroom, the teacher, the principal’s designee, or the school nurse should check the child’s head to determine the presence of crawling lice. The child should be sent home again if crawling lice are found.

III. The student should be given one “Excused for Medical Reasons” per crawling lice episode. Principals should work with the nurse, teacher, social worker, and counselor if absences become excessive (more than three days per incidence) or there are multiple occurrences.

IV. Parent notification when multiple cases of lice are found in a classroom or more than one classroom is involved will be at the discretion of the principal..

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