

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)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

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

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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>