

PHILOSOPHY

Because head lice are not uncommon and are easily spread, the Superintendent or designee shall send information about the treatment and control of head lice to parents/guardians as needed to prevent the spread of infestations. As part of the health curriculum, teachers shall stress the importance of preventive measures.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that responsibility for the treatment of head lice rests with the parents/guardians. The board of trustees delegates to the Superintendent or designee the authority to exclude students when lice or nits are found. The student shall be sent home as soon as possible with proper parental notification.

Staff shall make every effort to maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and excluded for treatment.

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES:

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible. The nurse or designee shall examine the student and any siblings of affected students or members of the same household. If nits or lice are found, the student shall be excluded and parents/ guardians informed about recommended treatment procedures, ways to check the hair, and sources of further information.

The principal shall send home the notification, informing the parent or guardian of the basis for the exclusion, the recommended treatment procedures, and the district's criteria for determining when the student will be allowed to return to school.

If there are more than two students affected in any one classroom, all students in the class shall be examined and information about head lice shall be sent home to all parents/guardians in the class.

Excluded students may return to school when they bring a note from the parent/guardian indicating the treatment used and when reexamination by the nurse or designee shows that all pests and nits have been removed.



LEGAL REFERENCES:

Idaho Code Sections §33-512.7
ADAPA 16.02.10.025.032 c.iv
IDAPA 02.10020.28

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EXHIBITS: 563 a - Protocol for Head Lice Checks and Subsequent Exclusions
563 b - Notice of Exclusion due to Head Lice and/or Nits