

## **Students**

### **Head Lice**

To prevent the spread of head lice infestations, 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 from attendance and parents/guardians informed about recommended treatment procedures and sources of further information.

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.6 - Student and Social Services)

The Superintendent or designee shall send home the notification required by law for excluded students. (Education Code 48213)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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

Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and excluded from attendance.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

Excluded students may return to school when (1) they bring a note from the parent/guardian verifying treatment, and (2) reexamination by the nurse or designee shows that all nits and lice have been removed.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48210-48214 Persons excluded

49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent

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