

HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSES)

Cooperation of the entire community is essential for the control of head lice (Pediculosis).

School personnel will follow the recommendation of the North Dakota State Department of Health regarding control of the school environment to prevent the spread of head lice. Public health personnel and trained volunteers may inspect and re-inspect students for lice and nits per necessity and availability.

Custodial personnel will be trained in the proper cleaning procedures to prevent re-infestation or the spread of infestation. Routine screening will be done as deemed necessary.

When a case of head lice is identified all classmates and siblings in school will be examined. If a substantial number of children appear to be infested, all students in the school will be examined.

When lice or nits (eggs) are detected, the student's parent/guardian shall be contacted immediately and the student shall be sent home as soon as practicable with an informational letter and instructions for treatment. The student will be re-examined upon return and will not be readmitted until free of both lice and nits. Absences will be counted as excused.

If a case of head lice is discovered in a particular classroom, the school will inform all the parents of those children by letter sent home with each child. These children will be required to bring a garbage bag to school and place their outer garments inside the bag until known cases are resolved.

Parents should be encouraged to report cases, if discovered in the home, in order to prevent a possible outbreak in the school.

It is the policy of this district to report infestations of head lice to public health. Public health personnel may be asked to assist families with inspection and treatment.

Legal Ref: NDCC 23-07-16 Child having contagious or infectious disease prohibited from attending school - Exception
NDCC 23-07-16.1 School district to adopt policy relating to significant contagious diseases

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