

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

(Excludes a student with 2 or more live lice; allows attendance of a student with nits and less than 2 live lice.)

A student with a suspected case-of head lice will be referred to the school nurse or administrator for assessment. A student found with live lice may be excluded from school. A parent of the student will be notified and treatment will be requested. Students with a severe infestation¹ will be excluded immediately until treated. A student excluded from school that has been treated will be readmitted after an assessment by designated personnel. The student may be subject to period checks.

The successful treatment of head lice requires a coordinated approach and may involve the use of anti-lice products, combing and implementation of preventative measures recommended by health authorities. Treatment information will be provided by the district to the parents of students found to have contracted head lice.

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations, as necessary, to implement this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 433.255](#)

[ORS 433.260](#)

[OAR 333-019-0010](#)

[OAR 437-002-0360](#)

[OAR 581-022-0705](#)

National Association of School Nurses, Pediculosis Management in the School Setting: Position Statement Revised 2011.
American Academy of Pediatrics: Position Statement on Head Lice 8-1-2012.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Head Lice Information for Schools

¹ Two or more live lice are present on the student upon assessment by designated personnel.