

POLICY RELATED TO PUPIL SERVICES

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS - PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

The Burrillville School Department shall not exclude otherwise healthy students from school due to Pediculosis. The administration provides the following guidelines to prevent community infestations of Pediculosis:

1. Schools will not perform routine school-wide head lice screening. However, should multiple cases be reported from one classroom, the school nurse-teacher will arrange to have that population of students examined. Parents/guardians of all students in the classroom may be notified, if needed, at the discretion of the school nurse-teacher.
2. If the school nurse-teacher discovers head lice or nits on a student, the parent/guardian of that student will be notified. Siblings may also be checked, including those at other Burrillville schools. The school nurse-teacher will instruct the parent/guardian concerning various shampoos, sprays, and other appropriate treatments that can be purchased to eliminate head lice or nits. The school nurse-teacher will also give information concerning necessary procedures to be taken in the home to ensure that the head lice are eliminated. Proper treatment is strongly advised on the day of the discovery of infestation.
3. In the rare event of a major uncontrolled transmission, the school nurse-teacher and principal will decide on the next plan of action to keep other students nit free from students who continuously present with live lice. The school nurse-teacher will keep accurate and confidential documentation of students infected with head lice or nits. If a parent/guardian of a student is failing to secure timely treatment for the infestation, in accordance with these procedures, the school nurse-teacher will notify the school principal, who may report the matter to Social Services and/or refer the student to our school physician for further evaluation. The superintendent will also be notified.
4. The School nurse-teacher will educate staff, parents, students, and the community regarding the prevention, detection, and treatment of Pediculosis (head lice) as needed.

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