

HEAD LICE

None of the district’s schools shall prohibit a student with a lice infestation from attending school.

The District shall make an effort to assist in head lice prevention. Administration should issue guidance to parents on an annual basis on head lice screening techniques and prevention. The District may perform a head lice screening on any student exhibiting symptoms of a lice infestation and/or will notify the child’s parent/guardian of the suspected infestation. The District may also perform a head lice screening on any student who has had head-to-head contact with an infested student and/or will notify the child’s parent/guardian that the child has been directly exposed to head lice.

Administration should issue information to classroom teachers on head lice symptoms and prevention. Upon learning that a student is infested with head lice, district staff members shall report this information to the building principal. The building principal shall work with affected teachers and other necessary district personnel (as determined by administration) to implement a plan to reduce head-to-head contact among students.

Reporting Infestations & Confidentiality

The Superintendent shall develop material and a protocol for informing the parent of a lice-infested student of the infestation and treatment methods. The Superintendent shall also develop a procedure for alerting the parents of students who were exposed to the infected student. This procedure shall prohibit release of the infected student’s personally identifiable information unless an exception applies under FERPA (e.g., release to educational officials with a legitimate need to know).

This confidentiality provision does not prohibit teachers or administrators from reporting suspected child abuse/neglect as required by law.

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These procedures are based on guidance documents from the North Dakota Department of Health and board policy FCAC.

1. If teacher/staff member notices symptoms or head lice they inform their respective principal.
2. Designated staff member performs a confidential head check on the student
3. Principal calls parent/guardian of student to inform them and tells them they need to be treated with lice shampoo.
4. The parent usually picks up the student immediately and treats them.
5. Send a note home in the grade affected by the head lice. If more than one grade is affected, we will send the letter to all elementary grades. If grades 7-12 are affected, a letter will be sent home with all grade 7-12 students.
6. When student that had head lice returns to school, we will recheck by a designated staff member in all cases.
7. We also perform extra cleaning in the classrooms that have been exposed to head lice.
8. Regular cleaning of headphones used in classrooms.