

Board Policy

Head Lice

BP 5141.33

Students

The Governing Board of Folsom Cordova Unified School District is committed to maximizing student's academic performance and physical wellbeing in a healthy and safe environment. The Governing Board recognizes that head lice infestations among students require treatment but do not pose a risk of transmitting disease. The Superintendent or designee shall encourage early detection and treatment in a manner that minimizes disruption to the educational program and reduces student absences.

The Superintendent or designee may distribute information to parents/guardians of preschool and elementary students regarding symptoms, accurate diagnosis, and proper treatment of head lice infestations. The Superintendent or designee also may provide related information to school staff.

(cf. 4131 – Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 – Staff Development)

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible.

If a student is found with active, adult head lice, he/she shall be allowed to stay in school until the end of the school day. The parent/guardian of any such student shall be given information about the treatment of head lice and encouraged to begin treatment of the student immediately and to check all members of the family. The parent/guardian also shall be informed that the student shall be checked upon return to school the next day and allowed to remain in school if no active head lice are detected.

Upon the student's return to school, the school nurse or designee shall check the student for active head lice. If it is determined that the student remains infected with head lice, the school nurse or designee shall contact the student's parent/guardian to discuss treatment. As needed, he/she may provide additional resources and/or referral to the local health department, health care providers, or other agencies.

(cf. 5141.3 Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.6 – School Health Services)

When it is initially determined that one or more students in a class or school are infested with head lice, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of students in that class or school and provide them with information about the detection and treatment of head lice.

Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice.

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

(cf. 5125 – Student Records)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE

48320-48325 *School attendance review boards*
49451 *Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent*

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS
Guidelines on Head Lice Prevention and Control for School Districts and Child Care Facilities, rev. March 2012
A Parent's Guide to Head Lice, 2008

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL NURSES ORGANIZATION
Position Statement: Pediculosis Management, rev. 2011

WEB SITES

American Academy of Pediatrics: <http://www.aap.org>
California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>
California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.csno.org>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Parasitic Disease Information, Head Lice:
<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head>

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