

La Canada USD

Board Policy

Head Lice

BP 5141.33

Students

The Governing Board believes that the district's head lice management program should emphasize the correct diagnosis and treatment of head lice in order to minimize disruption of the education process and to reduce the number of student absences resulting from infestation.

Because head lice are not uncommon and are easily spread, the Superintendent or designee shall send information about the treatment and control of head lice to parents/guardians as needed to prevent the spread of infestations. ~~As part of the health curriculum, teachers shall stress the importance of preventive measures.~~

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible. The nurse or designee shall examine the student and other students or members of the same household. If evidence of lice cannot be found the student may return to class/school.

The Governing Board recognizes that responsibility for the treatment of head lice rests with the home. When lice or untreated nits are found, the student shall be sent home as soon as possible with proper parental notification. The student shall be allowed to return to school the day following treatment ~~by using lice medicine, also called pediculicides,~~ and shall be checked by the nurse or designee before returning to class. Once he/she is determined to be free of lice, the student shall be rechecked weekly for up to six weeks.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

Staff shall make every effort to maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and ~~have been excluded from school or class~~ for treatment.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48210-48216 Persons excluded

48320-48325 School attendance review board

49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent

Management Resources:

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

Lice, Nits, and School Policy, Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, May 2001– 2015

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines on Head Lice Prevention and Control for School Districts and Child Care Facilities, 2009 rev March 2012

A Parent's Guide to Head Lice, 2008

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL NURSES ORGANIZATION

Position Statement: Pediculosis Management, 2005 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.se-csno.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Parasitic Disease Information, Head Lice:
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/lice/head>

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