

# **PARASITIC INFESTATIONS**

## **(Head Lice, Scabies, Etc.)**

### **POLICY**

The Fitzgerald School District believes that students with parasitic infestations such as head lice, scabies, ringworm, etc., pose some threat to a healthy school environment and, therefore, supports appropriate procedures for identifying such students, controlling the spread of these infestations among students, and eliminating the infestation.

### **PROCEDURE**

#### **I. Identification**

- A. Faculty, staff, and parents/guardians (as well as volunteers) should be provided with information relative to the cause and symptoms of parasitic infestations.
- B. Training to identify the cause and symptoms may be held in cooperation with the Macomb County Health Department.
- C. The first classroom inspection of all elementary and middle school children will be held within two (2) weeks of the opening of school, followed by periodic random checks.

#### **II. Control After Identification**

- A. Student(s) who have been identified as having parasitic infestations are to be removed immediately from the classroom. Parent/guardian is called to pick up their child from school. Parent/guardian will be provided treatment information and re-admittance procedure.
- B. A communication network will be established between schools and programs which involve students and/or their siblings to notify every one concerned of the parasitic infestation as soon as possible (i.e. Latchkey, Preschool, and Head Start).
- C. An initial notice will be sent home with every student in the grade level as soon as a parasitic infestation has been found. If three (3) such notices occur within a two (2) week period, parents/guardians of all students in the school will be notified, and a further inspection will be made.

- D. Any student found to have signs of a parasitic infestation will not be allowed to return to school until free of the infestation or doctor's note.
- E. The student, preferably with a parent/guardian, will report to the principal's office to be checked for verification of treatment and readmission. The school administrator or his/her designated representative will decide whether the student may return to class.

III. Elimination of Infestation

- A. Flyers developed by the Macomb County Health Department re: Pediculosis (head lice) shall be made available for families whose child or children have encountered this parasitic infestation. Availability of these flyers should be accessible to other families as well.
- B. If a student is found to be an acute case repeatedly or continuously, the Macomb County Health Department and/or the school social worker will be called for assistance, and the parent/guardian will be notified of this action.

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