

PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

Administrative Guideline

Whenever a student is found to be infested with head lice, the district will follow the recommendation of the Michigan Department of Community Health and Michigan Department of Education pertaining to pediculosis.

Guidelines:

1. If a student is identified as having the parasitic infestation, they are to be removed from the classroom. The parent/guardian is called to pick up their child from school. The parent/guardian will be provided with treatment information and re-admittance procedures.
2. If the child identified has siblings in the district, communication will be established between schools so they can be checked for the parasitic infestation as well. Preschool, Head Start and Latchkey should also be considered if applicable.
3. If two or more students are identified in the same classroom, a notice will be sent home with every student in the room notifying parents. 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.
4. Any student found to have a parasitic infestation (eggs, nits, scabies, bugs, etc.) will not be allowed to return to school until they are free of the infestation or a doctor's note is submitted to the school.
5. The student, preferably with a parent/guardian, will report to the principal's office to be checked upon returning to school. The school administrator or designee will decide whether the student may return to class.
6. 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.