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8451 - **PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)**

Head lice are present in the community at all times and can be particularly prevalent among pre-school and elementary school-age children. Lice are a nuisance, but do not spread disease. Control of lice infestation is best handled by adequate treatment of the infested person and their immediate household and other close personal contacts. Contracting head lice is not an indicator of cleanliness or socioeconomic status.

Communication from the school to parents directly and through parent and classroom education to the students will help increase the awareness for both parents and the child. It is the responsibility of the parent(s) to check their child's head on a regular basis for signs of head lice and treat adequately and appropriately as necessary. Control depends on prompt case finding and effective treatment.

If a child in the District is found to have head lice or untreated nits, school staff will notify the parent and ask the parent to treat the child's head lice infestation with one of the treatments listed on the *Head Lice: The Process of Getting Rid of It* sheet. The list of treatment options ranges from FDA approved for use in the United States to alternative methods not scientifically proven. The child will remain in the classroom until the end of the day.

Students may return to the classroom after the appropriate use of a treatment option.

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