

**MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

<b>DATE ADOPTED:</b>	<b>February 16, 1989</b>	<b>FILE SECTOR:</b>	<b>STUDENTS</b>
<b>DATE REVISED:</b>	<b>November 17, 1994</b>	<b>POLICY TITLE:</b>	<b>CONTROL OF</b>
<b>DATE REVISED:</b>	<b>March 20, 1997</b>		<b>PEDICULOSIS (LICE)</b>
<b>DATE REVISED:</b>	<b>August 15, 2002</b>		
<b>DATE REVISED:</b>	<b>October 27, 2008</b>		
<b>DATE REVISED:</b>	<b>April 16, 2015</b>		
<b>DATE REVISED:</b>	<b>February 15, 2018</b>		
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When a student is identified or suspected to be infected with pediculosis (lice), the school nurse, principal or their designee will:

- Remove the student from the classroom as unobtrusively as possible to inspect and determine the next course of action.
- Call parent(s)/guardian(s) to inform them of the active infestation and ask that the parent(s)/guardian(s) arrange and provide treatment. Students do not need to be sent home early from school however, the comfort of the student may indicate a need for quick treatment.
- Give the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) written information and oral directions for treatment at home.
- Assist the parent in finding an acceptable treatment option. Treatment with a product that is both a pediculicidal and ovicidal is the surest way to kill lice and prevent further re-infestation.
- Work with local agencies to arrange support for the family/student if repeated infestation occurs.
- Document the infestation in the student health record.

**Readmission to school:**

- The student should return to school after treatment is completed.
- The school nurse or their designee will inspect the student upon readmission to school. They will examine the student for head lice and for presence of nits - 1/4" or less from scalp.
- Students with nits only should not be sent home from school, they should be monitored for signs of re-infestation.
- School nurse, principal or their designee will recheck the student as needed. The District reserves the right to inspect other known individuals that attend school and are in close personal contact with the student, such as siblings.
- Notification letters may be sent home to alert parent(s)/guardian(s) of students in the classroom where live lice have been found.

For any other health concerns, please contact our school nurse at 715-748-5951, ext. 432.

**CROSS REFERENCE:**

**LEGAL REFERENCE:** Section 121.02(1)(g) and 252.21, Wis. Stat., HFS 145, PI8.01 (2)(g)  
Wis. Admin. Code