

Pediculosis Regulation Communicable Diseases

MSAD 52 students' heads will be examined for head lice as necessary. A parent, administrator, teacher, support staff member, or student may request a head check.

When a child is identified as infested with pediculosis, the child will be reported to the nurse and/or principal, who will contact the parent/guardian. Treatment procedures will be discussed with the parent/guardian. The student will be removed from school until there is reasonable assurance that the appropriate treatment has been implemented. The student will be permitted to return to school after appropriate treatment and it is verified that the child is free of live lice. The child may be allowed to return to school if nits are present, however, subsequent checking will be done to verify that the incidence of these nits is steadily decreasing. Monitoring will continue until the child is completely nit free.

If indicated, the principal shall also notify in writing the parents of the children housed in the same classroom where the problem is identified, so parents may begin head checks at home.

The principal and/or nurse will cooperate in all ways to provide officials with any information that is needed by them to eliminate sources of infection. The principal/nurse is further held responsible to carry out the intent of the MSAD 52 Board of Directors' policy related to the control of communicable diseases and may call upon the services of any qualified person, with proper credentials, to aid in the task.

Cross Reference: Communicable Diseases, Policy JLCC

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