BOARD POLICY 5141.33: HEAD LICE

To prevent the spread of head lice infestations, school employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible. The nurse or designee shall examine the student and any siblings of affected students or members of the same household. When a student is initially identified as having head lice, the student is to be excluded from school immediately for treatment.

The school nurse or designee will send home written notification for lice treatment procedures.

If one or more students are affected in any one classroom, all students in the class shall be examined. A general notice about head lice shall be sent home to all parents/guardians in the school.

Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and excluded from attendance.

Excluded students shall report to the school nurse/designee upon their return to school. The student will be readmitted to school when (1) they bring a note from the parent verifying treatment and (2) re-examination by the school nurse/designee shows no live lice. A recheck of previously affected students will be conducted 10 days after the student is readmitted to school. In the event of recurrent re-infestations, the school and nurse/designee and the parents shall work together to find the likely source.

The District childcare program shall be notified of known head lice infestations and shall exclude affected children from the district childcare program until the child/children is/are cleared to return to school by the school nurse or designee.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
48210-48216 Persons excluded
49451 Physical examinations: parent’s refusal to consent