

Benton County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Pediculosis (Head Lice)</h2>	Descriptor Code: 6.4031	Issued Date: 07/09/18
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1 No student shall be denied an education solely by reason of head lice infestation and his/her educational
 2 program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize the risk of transmitting the
 3 infestation.

4 It shall be the responsibility of the principal or school nurse to notify the parents in the event a child has
 5 pediculosis (head lice). A letter shall be sent home by the child to explain the condition, requirements
 6 for readmission, and deadlines for satisfactory completion of the treatment.

7 Prior to readmission, satisfactory evidence must be submitted to school personnel that the student has
 8 been treated for pediculosis (head lice). This evidence may include but not be limited to:

- 9 (1) proof of treatment with a pediculicide product (head lice shampoo) or
- 10 (2) satisfactory examination by a school health official.

11 Treatment and prevention procedures shall be developed by the director of schools in consultation with
 12 the school nurse and distributed to all classroom teachers. These procedures shall also be distributed to
 13 the parent/guardian of any child that has pediculosis.

14 Any subsequent incidents of head lice for a student during the school year shall require submission of
 15 satisfactory evidence of treatment for head lice and be found free of lice by a school health official.

16 A student shall be expected to have met all requirements for treatment and return to school no later than
 17 two (2) days following exclusion for head lice. All days in excess of the allowable period shall be
 18 marked as unexcused absences and referred to the attendance supervisor at the proper time.