

Obion County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in May	Descriptor Term: Pediculosis (Head Lice)	Descriptor Code: 6.4031	Issued Date: 05/04/15
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1 No student shall be denied an education solely by reason of head lice infestation and his/her
2 educational program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize the risk of transmitting
3 the infestation.

4 It shall be the responsibility of the principal or school nurse to notify the parents in the event a child
5 has pediculosis (head lice). A letter shall be sent home by the child to explain the condition,
6 requirements 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 live bugs by a school health
16 official.

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