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### **New Policy - Vol. 16, No. 1 - January 2024**

#### **8451 - PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)**

Head lice are present in the community at all times and can be particularly prevalent among preschool and elementary school-age children. Lice are a nuisance but do not spread disease. Control of lice infestation is best handled by adequate treatment of the infested person and their immediate household and other close personal contacts. Contracting head lice is not an indicator of cleanliness or socioeconomic status.

Communication from the school to parents directly and through parent and classroom education to the students will help increase the awareness for both parents and the child. It is the responsibility of the parent(s) to check their child's head on a regular basis for signs of head lice and treat adequately and appropriately as necessary. Control depends on prompt case finding and effective treatment.

#### **Definitions**

**Pediculosis** - an infestation of lice.

**Infestation** - the presence of live lice, typically on the head.

**Lice** - the plural form of louse.

**Nit** - the egg of a louse.

If a child in the District/County is found to have head lice or untreated nits, the school staff will notify the parent and ask to pick the child up at the end of the school day and administer an FDA-approved lice treatment (e.g., pediculicide/ovicide), treatment by a qualified healthcare provider, or treatment at a clinic specializing in lice and nit removal but the child will remain in the classroom until the end of the day.

The Principal or designee will determine the type of activities the student will be engaged in for the rest of the day to minimize physical contact with other students. If head-to-head contact is possible, the student will be excused from those activities. Further, if appropriate, the student's desk will be positioned such that the infested student and his/her hair cannot come into contact with other students or their desks.

**[DRAFTING NOTE: It is recommended by the Center for Disease Control, National School Nurses Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics that students found to have live lice or nits should be allowed to remain in the classroom until the end of the day and return to school after appropriate use of an FDA approved pediculicide/ovicide treatment has been completed and no live lice are found.]**

