

# Downey Unified School District

## STUDENTS

### PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

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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 the affected students or members of the same household. If nits or lice are found, the student shall be excluded from attendance and parents/guardians informed about recommended treatment procedure. If the child has been treated and there are no live lice, the child may return to class. The key to success in controlling head lice, with little chance of recurrence, is in the removal of all nits after the use of the pediculicide (lice shampoo/treatment). Therefore, although the child is allowed back to class with treated nits, we strongly encourage parents to continue removing nits until the problem is resolved. Upon completion of treatment, the parent/guardian will present the treatment/shampoo container as evidence of treatment.

Staff shall make every effort to maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and have been excluded from school for treatment at home.

The Superintendent or designee may distribute information to parents/guardians regarding routine screening, symptoms, accurate diagnosis, and proper treatment of head lice infestations. The Superintendent or designee also may provide related information to school staff.

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When a student is found with live head lice, the parent/guardian will be contacted and the student will be sent home from school. The parent/guardian of any such student shall be given information about the treatment of head lice and encouraged to begin treatment of the student immediately and to check all members of the family. The parent/guardian shall also be informed that the student shall be checked upon return to school the next day and allowed to remain in school if no active head lice are detected.

Upon the student's return to school, the school nurse or designee shall check the student for live head lice. If live lice are found, the student will be sent home. As needed, he/she may be provided additional resources and/or referral to the local health department, health care providers, or other agencies.

If a student is found with a recurrent infestation, he/she may be referred to a multidisciplinary team, which may consist of the school nurse, representatives

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from the local health department and social services, and other appropriate individuals, to determine the best approach for identifying and resolving problems contributing to the student's head lice infestations.

When it is determined that one or more students in a class or school are infested with head lice, the principal or designee may, at his/her discretion, notify parents/guardians of students in that class or school and provide them with information about the detection and treatment of head lice. Information about the detection and treatment of head lice will also be available upon request.

Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice.

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