

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: PEDICULOSIS

ADOPTED: September 13, 1999

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">209.1. PEDICULOSIS</p> <p>Pediculosis (infestation of lice) and Pediculosis Capitis (infestation of head lice), although not a disease, is a nuisance that can be minimized, identified, and treated. To protect against this nuisance, Northern Lehigh School District has enacted the following procedure regarding head lice.</p> <p>Any time during the school year the school nurse may inspect any student(s) for lice. If nits (lice eggs) or lice are identified during inspection the following procedure will be implemented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The child will be excluded from school. 2. The parent(s)/guardian will be contacted. It will be the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian to have the child treated. Parent(s)/guardian who have difficulty obtaining treatment should contact the school nurse. 3. The school nurse will counsel the parent(s)/guardian regarding treatment that may include a referral to a physician or pharmacist, management of the child's environment, prevention, and learning about the treatment and control of head lice. 4. After the student has been treated and all visible nits removed from the head, the student may be readmitted to school. <p>Prior to readmission, the nurse will examine the student. To ensure that the nurse will be available to inspect the student, the parent(s)/guardian should call ahead to the school for an appointment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. There is no specified time allotment for the completed treatment of pediculosis. However, Northern Lehigh School District will not grant more than three (3) days excused absence unless requested by a certified physician. 6. Chronic cases of Pediculosis will be reported to the Superintendent of Schools.
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7. When an active case (live lice) is detected in an elementary school classroom, a parent alert letter may be sent home with other students.

When a major outbreak in an elementary classroom (more than three {3} affected students) occurs, the school nurse will conduct regular students screenings for at least two (2) weeks after the last infected student has been readmitted.

When a major outbreak occurs in an elementary classroom, each child will be issued plastic bags as needed to contain their book bags, coats, hats, etc. until the outbreak is over. Students will be informed about how to keep lice from spreading.

Outbreaks at secondary schools will involve similar measures of parent information, screenings, preventive measures, and student education.