

OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

Series 5000

Students

BP 5141.33(a)

Head Lice

The Governing Board believes that head lice management program should emphasize the correct diagnosis, early detection, and treatment of head lice in order to minimize disruption of the education process and to reduce the number of student absences resulting from head lice.

The Superintendent or designee may distribute information to parents/guardians of preschool and elementary students regarding routine screening, symptoms, accurate diagnosis, and proper treatment of head lice.

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 affected students or members of the same household.

If a student is found with active, adult head lice, he/she shall be excluded from attendance. The parent/guardian of any such student shall be given information about treatment of head lice and encouraged to begin treatment of the student immediately and to check all members of the family. The parent/guardian also shall 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.

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.6 - Student and Social Services)

The principal and school nurse shall work with the parents/guardians of any student who has been deemed to be a chronic head lice case in order to help minimize the student's absences from school.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

When it is determined that one or more students in a class or school have head lice, all students in the class shall be examined, in consultation with the school nurse. The principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of students in that class or school and provide them with information about the detection and treatment of head lice.

Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and excluded from attendance.

(cf. 5125 – Student Records)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48320-48325 School attendance review boards

49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent

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Management Resource:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Guidelines on Head Lice Prevention and Control for School Districts and Child Care Facilities, rev. March 2012

A Parent's Guide to Head Lice, 2008

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL NURSES ORGANIZATION

Pediculosis Management, Position Statement, rev. 2011

WEB SITES:

American Academy of Pediatrics: <http://www.aap.org>

California Department of Health: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov>

California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.scno.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Parasitic Disease Information, Head Lice:

<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head>

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