

Weakley County Board of Education

Descriptor Code:
6.4031

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

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No student will be denied an education solely by reason of head lice infestation and his educational program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize the risk of transmitting the infestation.

It shall be the responsibility of the principal or school nurse to notify the parents in the event a child has pediculosis (head lice). A letter will be sent home by the child to explain the condition, requirements for readmission and deadlines for satisfactory completion of the treatment.

Upon exclusion, satisfactory evidence must be submitted to school personnel that the student has been treated for pediculosis (head lice). This evidence may include but not be limited to:

- (1) proof of treatment with a pediculicide product (head lice shampoo)
- (2) satisfactory examination by a school health official

Treatment and prevention procedures will be developed by the director of school/school nurse and distributed to all classroom teachers.

Any subsequent incidents of head lice for that student during the school year will require submission of satisfactory evidence of treatment for head lice and be found free of nits by a school health official.

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