

Cooperation of the entire community is essential for the control of head lice (Pediculoses).

The Leeds Public School will seek the assistance of Public Health personnel and other community health resources to develop an effective organized program, which includes:

1. Training program for school personnel, parents, and volunteers in the detection of head lice.
2. Routine screening.
3. Recommendation treatment.
4. Appropriate preventive measures.
5. Education Efforts.

School personnel will follow the recommendations of the North Dakota State Department of Health regarding control of the school environment to prevent the spread of head lice. At least one member of the staff will be trained to inspect and re-inspect students for lice and nits. Public health personnel and training volunteers may also be used as needed and available.

Custodian personnel will be trained in the proper cleaning procedures to prevent infestation or the spread of infestation.

Routine screening may be done prior to or on the day of school in fall and the first day of school following Christmas vacation. Each student enrolled during the school year will be screened on the first day of attendance.

When a case of head lice is identified, all classmates, siblings in the school, and all children riding the same bus or car pool will be examined.

A student who has a case of head lice will be re-examined daily until he/she is free of lice or nits. Then she/he will be re-examined for a period of two more weeks to make sure the he/she is free of lice or nits. Siblings, of a student who has lice or nits, will be re-examined every day until the whole family has been declared free of lice or nits for two weeks.

When lice or nits (eggs) are detected, the student's parent/guardian shall be contacted immediately and the student shall be sent home as soon as practicable with an informational letter and instruction for treatment. The student will not be readmitted to school or be able to participate in school activities until a health care official or a trained school employee re-examined the student and states that they are free of lice and nits. Absences will be counted as excused (and will be exempt from the 10 day rule).

It is the policy of this district to report infestation of head lice to the public health. Public health personnel may be asked to assist families with inspection and treatment. Public health personnel may also be asked to help make the home free of lice and nits.

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