

Pacific Heritage Academy

Board Policy

Head Lice

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The Governing Board recognizes that head lice infestations among students require treatment but do not pose a risk of transmitting disease. The Director shall encourage early detection and treatment in a manner that minimizes disruption to the educational program and reduces student absences.

The Front Office staff may distribute information to parents/guardians of elementary and middle school students regarding routine screening, symptoms, accurate diagnosis, and proper treatment of head lice infestations. The Director also may provide related information to school staff.

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the Front Office as soon as possible.

If a student is found with active, adult head lice, he/she shall be allowed to stay in school until the end of the school day. 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 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.

Upon the student's return to school, the Front Office staff shall check the student for active head lice. If it is determined that the student remains infected with head lice, the Front Office staff shall contact the student's parent/guardian to discuss treatment.

When it is determined that one or more students in a class or school are infested with head lice, the Director 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.

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