PROPOSED CHANGES

Students BP 5141.33(a)

HEAD LICE

~~Because head lice are not uncommon and are easily spread, the Superintendent or designee shall send information about the treatment and control of head lice to parents/legal guardians as needed to prevent the spread of infestations. As part of the health curriculum, teachers shall stress the importance of preventive measures.~~

The San Leandro Unified School District's Governing Board is committed to maximizing students' academic performance and physical well-being in a healthy and safe environment. The Governing Board recognizes that head lice infestations among students require treatment but do not pose a health hazard, are not a sign of uncleanliness, and are not responsible for the spread of disease.

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage early detection and treatment in a manner that minimizes disruption to the educational program and reduces student absences. The Superintendent or designee may distribute information to parents/legal guardians of preschool and elementary students regarding routine screening, symptoms, accurate diagnosis, and proper treatment of head lice infestations.

(cf. 5113 – Absences and Excuses)

The Superintendent or designee will provide related information and training to school staff. School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the site designee, principal or school nurse as soon as possible.

(cf. 5141.3 – Health Examinations)
(cf. 4131 – Staff Development)

The Governing Board recognizes that responsibility for the treatment of head lice rests with ~~the home~~ **parent or legal guardian**. **When a student is found with live (active or crawling) head lice, the student shall be allowed to remain at school until the end of the day. The parent/legal guardian of any such student shall be notified that day, provided with information about treatment, encouraged to begin treatment and to check all family members immediately.** ~~When lice or nits are found, the student shall be sent home as soon as possible with proper parental notification~~. **If the parent/legal guardian does not follow through with the proper**

treatment, the student with lice will be excluded from school until treatment has been completed.

The parent/ legal guardian shall be informed that the student will be checked upon return to school the next day and allowed to remain in school if no active (crawling) head lice are detected. If active lice are detected, the student will not be allowed to return until there is no remaining evidence. If nits are found, the student can remain in school but the site designee or school nurse shall re-inspect the student within 7-10 school days.

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141. 6 – School Health Services)
(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

If as student is found consistently infested with head lice, he/she may be referred to the Coordination of Services Team or COST at the school site, or the school nurse to determine the best approach for identifying and resolving problems contributing to the continued infestations.
(cf. 1020 -Youth services)
(cf. 5113 - Absences and Chronic Truancy)

When it is determined that one or more students in a class or school are infested with head lice, the principal or designee may, at his/her discretion, notify parents/ legal guardians of students in that class or school and provide them with information about the detection and treatment of head lice.

Staff shall make every effort to maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and excluded for treatment.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 – Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 5125 – Student Records)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
48210-48214 Persons excluded
49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent

Policy **SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**
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HEAD LICE

School employees shall follow the steps below when head lice are detected on students:

1. School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice **in the least intrusive/embarrassing manner** to the school nurse or **site** designee as soon as possible.
2. The ~~nurse or~~ **site** designee **or school nurse** may examine the student and any siblings of affected students or members of the same household.
3. If ~~nits or~~ **active (crawling)** lice are found, the **student shall be allowed to remain until the end of the school day**. ~~excluded~~ ~~and~~
4. **The parents/legal guardians must be informed by phone, email, or note and provided information about** recommended treatment procedures, ways to check the hair, and **other re**sources of ~~further~~ information.
5. **If nits are found, the student can remain at school but need to be re-inspected within 7-10 school days. If infestation continues, the student will be excluded from school until no active lice are detected.**

~~The principal shall send home the notification required by law for excluded students. (Education Code 48213) (E 5141.33)~~

6. If there are ~~more than~~ two **or more** students affected in any one classroom, all students in the class may be examined.
7. **The school nurse or site designee ~~may~~ will notify parents/legal guardians in the affected classroom to encourage them to check their children and to treat if appropriate, and or examine other students most likely to have had direct head to head contact with the affected student.** Information about head lice shall be sent home to all parents/legal guardians in the class.
8. **Students identified with chronic cases of lice infestation shall be referred to the Coordination of Services Team or COST for resources and support.**

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9. Excluded students may return to school when they bring a note from the parent/legal guardian indicating the treatment used and when reexamination by the nurse or **site** designee shows that all ~~pests and nits~~ **lice** have been removed.

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

(ON SCHOOL LETTERHEAD)

Date: _____

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Today, an ~~I~~**i**nspection of your child indicated the presence of head lice. The lice could have come from any number of sources—a friend, upholstery, or another person's clothing. Lice outbreaks are common among children of school age and even the cleanest child can easily become infested. It is important that you act **IMMEDIATELY** to prevent their spread to other members of the family. **Please follow guidelines for inspection and treatment below:**

_____
~~Principal's Signature~~

~~Inspection for Pediculosis (Head Lice)~~

~~Head lice lay their eggs on hair shafts, usually near the head. The eggs hatch in about a week and reproduce in about two weeks, unless they are destroyed. They may lie in seams of clothing or bed linen. Every member of the household should be inspected for lice or their eggs. Look for small grayish white nits (eggs). They can be seen fixed to the hair shaft, usually around the nape of the neck and behind the ears. Unlike dandruff, the nits cannot be easily dislodged.~~

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~~5. Repeat the treatment with parasiticide shampoo in 11 to 14 days. Continue to inspect the hair for two weeks. Caution: the parastiticide shampoo is harmful if taken internally~~**. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

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HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES

(ON SCHOOL LETTERHEAD)

Date: _____

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians:

This is an informational letter. The incidence of head lice among school-age children has increased greatly over the past few years. Recent inspection of some children at our school has indicated the presence of head lice. These lice could have come from any number of sources: a classmate, upholstery, or another person's clothing. Our best control of the head lice problem at school is **to notify** ~~that~~ all parents ~~be aware~~ of it **and ask them to** examine their children's hair on a weekly basis. We hope the information on this sheet will be helpful. Please save it for future reference.

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