



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 9.4

Meeting Date: May 3, 2018

Subject: Approve Board Policy (BP) 5141.33: Head Lice Revision

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: May 17, 2018)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Student Support and Health Services

Recommendation: Receive information for consideration of adoption on May 17, 2018.

Background/Rationale: The purpose of this Board Policy revision is to update the existing Head Lice policy to reflect standard practice as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Association of School Nurses, the American School Health Association, the Harvard School of Public Health, and many other policy making organizations. They all recommend that students with eggs and/or head lice remain in school. When lice are found on a child at school, that child's parents will be informed. School personnel will follow up to make sure the child is treated appropriately.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary
2. Redline draft of proposed policy revisions
3. Clean version of the updated policy for review

Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes

Submitted by: Victoria Flores, Director III, Student Support and Health Services

Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

Board of Education Executive Summary

Student Support & Health Services

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I. Overview/History of Department or Program

Health Services has updated the Lice Procedures to reflect current evidenced based science and community best-practices. In conjunction with the California Dept. of Health, the American Academy of Pediatrics, Centers for Disease Control and both National and California School Nurse Associations, we have updated policy to reflect our best practices for lice identification, treatment and control.

II. Driving Governance:

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III. Budget:

There is no reason to send student home before the end of the school day as the scientific evidence shows that by the time head lice is discovered, the infestation has been there for approximately 3-4 weeks already. Treatment of head lice in the evening of discovery allows students to stay in school and to return to school the next day, limiting medically unnecessary absences and missed learning opportunities.

IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

To identify headlice based on direct exposure and symptoms, to evaluate suspected cases privately to promote patient confidentiality, and to educate families in lice treatment and eradication in the home. A "Lice Log" is kept when a student is identified with lice, and student will be checked for successful treatment the next day. If nits are identified, the school will follow up with family and advise nit removal and possible re-treatment in nine days. In cases of non-compliance with treatment, a multidisciplinary team will work with family if needed until lice issue resolved.

V. Major Initiatives:

Operational Excellence

VI. Results:

Utilizing the updated Lice Procedure has resulted in improved lice treatment outcomes in our students and a reduction in lice related absences. Concerned parents often feel better when they are educated in the identification and treatment of lice and the household, and the knowledge that our district procedures are evidence-based.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

Next steps include the adoption of this Board Policy at the May 3, 2018 Board Meeting. Health Services will continue to conduct in-service training to Office Managers, School Nurses and other interested school staff on the best practices in head lice management in the schools.

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~~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/guardians as needed to prevent the spread of infestations. As part of the health curriculum, teachers shall stress the importance of preventive measures.~~

~~The Governing Board recognizes that responsibility for the treatment of head lice rests with the home. When lice or nits are found, the student shall be sent home as soon as possible with proper parental notification. Staff shall make every effort to assist the family with elimination of lice and nits and take preventative measures to eliminate lice from the home environment.~~

~~(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)~~

~~Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and excluded for treatment.~~

The Governing Board recognizes that head lice infestations among students require treatment but do not pose a risk of transmitting 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/guardians of preschool and elementary students regarding routine screening, symptoms, accurate diagnosis, and proper treatment of head lice infestations. The Superintendent or designee also may provide related information to school staff.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee 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

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Upon the student's return to school, the school nurse or designee shall check the student for active head lice. If it is determined that the student remains infected with head lice, the school nurse or designee shall contact the student's parent/guardian to discuss treatment. As needed, he/she may provide additional resources and/or referral to the local health department, health care providers, or other agencies.

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

If a student is found consistently infested with head lice, he/she may be referred to a multidisciplinary team, which may consist of the school nurse, representatives from the local health department and social services, and other appropriate individuals, to determine the best approach for identifying and resolving problems contributing to the student's head lice infestations.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and 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/guardians of students in that class or school and provide them with information about the detection and treatment of head lice.

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48320-48325 School attendance review boards

49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

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 Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

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

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Parasitic Disease Information, Head Lice:
<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head>

Legal Reference:

~~EDUCATION CODE~~

~~48210-48216 Persons-excluded~~

~~49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent~~

~~Management Resources:~~

~~AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS~~

~~Lice, Nits, and School Policy, Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, May-2001~~

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