

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS
CAPITIS)

ADOPTED: May 19, 2003

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">209.1. HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS CAPITIS)</p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the prevention and control of head lice (pediculosis capitis) in the students and staff in the Antietam School District.</p> <p>At any time during the school year, the school nurse may inspect any student for head lice. If nits or lice are identified during inspection, the following procedure will be implemented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student will be excluded from school immediately. 2. The parent or guardian will be called to come to the school to pick up the student. It will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian to transport the student home before the end of the school day. The student will not be permitted to ride the school bus due to added risk of other students acquiring lice. 3. Verbal instructions, as well as written instructions, will be provided to the parent and student (depending on the age of the student) before the student leaves the building. It is the parents' responsibility to follow these instructions and rid the student of lice so that the student may be readmitted to school. These instructions will include treatments as well as management of the student's environment and prevention. 4. Siblings and close contacts will be examined throughout the district and excluded as necessary. <p>After treatment has been completed and ALL nits have been removed from the head, the student should be accompanied by the parent or guardian to the school and not ride the school bus.</p> <p>In order to ensure that the nurse will be available to inspect the student, the parent should call the school nurse to make an appointment. If, upon inspection, the student is found to have nits or lice, the student will be denied admission to school until all nits are removed.</p>
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After the student has been cleared to return to classes, the nurse will continue to check for nits because of the risk of reinfestation if the student's environment was not properly treated. The student will be checked as often as deemed necessary by the nurse. For example:

The student will be checked 3 times per week for 2 weeks.

2 times a week for 2 weeks.

1 time per week for 2 weeks.

1 time in 1 month.

There is no specific exclusion from school time for head lice. Some parents are able to accomplish the treatment in one day. It should not take more than a few days. The student will be expected to report to the school nurse the day after s/he was excluded for inspection. Exclusion for lice should not be used to miss school for an extended period of time. Therefore, the school may enforce disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the school's administrative staff.