



SECTION IV: STUDENTS

POLICY 4220

PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE), BED BUGS, CONTAGIOUS DISEASES , AND ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

The District is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all students and employees. School administrators will enforce this policy for the benefit of all members of the school community but will attempt to avoid embarrassment to an affected individual as practical given the totality of the circumstances. Students and employees with unique health circumstances may request an exception to this policy by providing a statement from a physician certifying that there is no danger of the condition spreading to others in the school environment. The District will comply with physician instructions when implementing the requirements of this policy.

Bed Bugs: If a student has been confirmed of transporting bed bugs on their person, every effort will be made to assist the child and/or parents to keep them at school. Students may be provided additional clothes, clothes dried at a high temperature for 30 minutes and/or personal items stored in a plastic tub. Students will be monitored for 10 days. In the event that bed bugs are repeatedly found on the student or his/her belongings the District may take additional actions to protect the school community from the spread of bed bugs.

Head Lice: Any student who is determined to be afflicted with a contagious health condition such as head lice shall be prohibited from attending school until a health officer (licensed physician, licensed physician's assistant, health department official, school nurse, etc.) has determined that the individual is free of the condition or that there is no danger of the condition spreading to others in the school environment.

Contagious Disease: Absent a diagnosis of a contagious disease from the health department or health care provider, a school administrator or designee may exclude from work or school any employee or student suffering from or exhibiting a fever, sore throat, severe cough, rash, diarrhea or vomiting. Employees and/or students must be symptom free for 24 hours, without the use of symptom reducing medication, prior to returning to school.

Communicable Diseases for Which Isolation or Quarantine is Required: No student having a communicable disease, requiring a period of isolation or quarantine, shall enter or remain at a district school site. This shall be in effect until the order for quarantine or isolation has expired or permission for entry and return to the school site and activities has been given by the local county health department or State Department of Health. It shall be the responsibility of the student's parent(s) or legal guardians and District administration—not the student's teacher—to exclude the student. In the event a student known to be infected arrives at a school site or, after their arrival, is discovered to be infected—a school site administrator shall discretely remove the student from the class or activity, place the student in a monitored room where the student will not come into close contact with non-infected persons, and contact the student's parent or legal guardian to make arrangements to send the student home.

Pink Eye: Students and employees who have pink eye or another eye infection must be symptom free or consult with the school nurse or provide a physician's statement prior to returning to school.



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