

# **NORTH RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #200**

## **BOARD POLICY**

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### **PROPOSED LICE POLICY GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines are being proposed to clarify procedures regarding the prevention, identification, and transportation of students who suffer from a lice infestation:

- 1) The district's policy is that children with lice or nits will not be allowed to attend school. Parents are expected to clear up the problem before their children return to school. The district will provide parents with information regarding treatment procedures.
- 2) School wide head lice screening should be performed at least twice per year in all of the primary levels. Suggested times are at beginning of school year and following winter break. Screening may be performed more frequently at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- 3) When the parent arrives to pick up their child, they are to be offered one-on-one counseling with a hands on demonstration of what nits look like and how to remove them. It is helpful if they can perform a return demonstration while a staff member observes them. Review the "no nit" policy with them, and instruct them to drive the child to school to be rechecked the next morning. At that time, the parent should also be informed that school transportation to school will not be provided until the student has been checked lice free by school officials. Students shall not be readmitted to class until checked lice free by school officials.
- 4) In the event that a parent cannot be contacted or the parent does not have transportation, the building superintendent will be responsible for transporting the student home. Samples of lice/nits may be taped to the note home. The parent should be instructed to transport the child to school to be rechecked as soon as possible.
- 5) If the child has siblings in the district, they should be examined also.
- 6) Parents should be encouraged to phone their family physician for advice on treatment method. Alternative therapies will be offered in a handout: hand picking lice/nits, mayonnaise, vinegar rinse, etc. discourage overuse of chemical products to avoid possible toxic effects.

- 7) Application of insecticides in the home or classroom is unnecessary and can cause allergic or toxic reactions to students and staff.
- 8) The district will provide parents with printed recommendations and information on procedures to get rid of lice.
- 9) Although notices should be sent home to provide notice of problem, measures should be taken to assure that those students with head lice are not identified to other students.

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