

## 453.31 PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)



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Because the schools bring large numbers of children into close contact daily, they can serve as a focal point for the transmission of all kinds of communicable diseases, including head lice. Containing infestation depends upon prompt case finding, proper administrative handling of each case and effective treatment.

Therefore, specific guidelines have been developed for the treatment of head lice and/or nits (eggs of the louse) in the Whitnall School District. These guidelines include parent/guardian notification, treatment instructions and parent/guardian responsibilities, as well as school-wide procedures.

Any student found to have head lice or nits that are located  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or closer from the scalp will be sent home from school for treatment in accordance with established guidelines. The initial finding of nits or lice will include a contact to parent and evaluation of recent infestations and treatments. A no lice policy will be in effect in the District.

Whitnall School District Guidelines are based on recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes Sections  
121.02(1)(i)  
252.21  
HSS 145, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.:  
453.31-Rule, Dealing with Pediculosis (Head Lice) in the Schools: Procedures  
453.3, Communicable Diseases  
District Exposure Control Plan

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