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Administrative Policy #9 *C. Torres*
RE: Lice Prevention and Screening

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When reviewing procedures for lice prevention and screening, the goal of this administrative policy is to facilitate efficient and consistent implementation with early detection and treatment to help prevent the spread of lice while minimizing school absences and class disruption.

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Procedures for Lice Prevention and Screening

Few conditions cause as much concern and anxiety in schools as well as in homes as head lice. The goal of these procedures is to facilitate efficient and consistent implementation by all campuses with early detection and treatment to help prevent the spread, the treating of all children in a fair and reasonable manner, and with minimizing school absences and class disruption.

Prevention

Distribute written information to families about the prevention and treatment of head lice at the beginning of the school year and as needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus handbook • Letter to parents - LFISD HEADLICE NOTICE • Parent Conference Handouts/Parent Workshops • Newsletter Article
Educate staff about district guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-service presentations • District Procedures for Lice Prevention and Screening
Care of classroom environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign individual locker/cubby/hooks for coats/backpacks • Allow students to hang coats/backpacks on backs of seats • Instruct students to place scarves, caps, etc. inside backpacks • Allow for adequate space between desks/chairs/cubby/hooks/nap time • Wipe between headphone use • Vacuum floors daily to remove lice and/or fallen hairs • Classroom presentations

Screening

When lice is suspected:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual screening to ensure privacy - Mass screenings disrupt class time and take away the nurses' ability to address more serious health concerns
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School Action with Confirmed Cases

When live lice are found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return student to class • Texas Education Code 38, Section 38.031 states: • Parent of child with lice must be notified as soon as practicable no later than 48 hours. • The parent of each child assigned to the same classroom as the child with lice not later than the fifth school day after the date on which the administrator or nurse, as applicable, determines or becomes aware of that fact."
Focus on educating parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruct parents verbally (preferably in person) and in writing about the recommended treatments and other home measures to prevent re-infestation. Send LFISD HEADLICE NOTICE
If no live lice found or nits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return student to class

Follow Up

Re-Check next day/upon return to school If no live lice/nits only If live lice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call parent and inquire if treatment used • Recommend removal (Nits ONLY) • Return student to class • If no treatment, instruct parent verbally and in writing on recommended treatments and other measures to prevent re-infestation. Inform parent student may be excluded from school with no or unsatisfactory treatment. Send (2nd Notice). • If treated, instruct parent to remove all live lice when student arrives home and re-check and remove live lice prior to returning tomorrow. Suggest student be seen by MD if persistent lice case. • Re-check student when returns to school
Re-Check 1 week later	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow instructions above

*****The Nurse/Health Services Staff and Administrators has authority to exclude at student at his/her discretion if there is lack of parental follow-through (treatment does not appear satisfactory or if no treatment).**