

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION NO. 5141.33**

ADOPTED: 06/21/02

CLASSIFICATION: Students

REVISED: 10/22/18

SUBJECT: Head Lice

The Superintendent or designee may distribute information to parents/guardians regarding routine screening, symptoms, accurate diagnosis, and proper treatment of head lice infestations. The Superintendent or designee also may provide related information to school staff.

If a student is suspected of having head lice, staff shall provide privacy for the student during examination. If a student is found with active head lice, he/she shall be allowed to return to class or school sponsored activities until the end of the school day with instruction to avoid head-to-head contact. The parent/guardian of any such student shall be given information about the treatment of head lice and encouraged to begin treatment of the student immediately and to check all members of the family. If nits, but no active head lice are detected, the student shall return to class and parent/guardian shall be given information about nit removal. The parent/guardian shall also be informed that the student will be checked upon return to school the next day and that he/she will be allowed to remain in school if no active head lice are detected.

Upon the student's return to school, the school nurse or designee shall check the student for active head lice. Readmittance to class shall occur after examination of the student reveals no active lice.

If it is determined that the student remains infected with active head lice, the school nurse or designee shall discuss treatment options with the student's parent/guardian when the student is picked up. The parent/guardian shall also be provided with additional resources and/or referral to the local health department, health care providers, or other agencies.

If a student is found consistently infested with head lice, he/she may be referred to a multidisciplinary team, which may consist of the school nurse, representatives from the local health department and social services, and other appropriate individuals, to determine the best approach for identifying and resolving problems contributing to the student's head lice infestations.

When it is determined that one or more students in a class are infested with head lice, the principal or designee shall consult with the school nurse regarding notification, environmental control, and treatment recommendations.