

Bristol Tennessee City Schools

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Pediculosis (Head Lice)

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No students will be denied an education solely because of head lice infestation, and their educational program shall not be restricted more than the extent necessary to eliminate the risk of transmitting the infestation.¹

It shall be the responsibility of the principal, principal's designee, or school nurse to notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) **parents or guardians** in the event student has pediculosis (head lice). The student will go home at the end of the school day by usual means of transportation. A letter will be sent home with the student to explain the condition, treatment, requirements for readmission, and deadlines for satisfactory completion of the treatment.

READMISSION PROCEDURE

After treating the student with the appropriate treatment, the parent should bring the child to the area designated by the school principal for examination for readmission.

Prior to readmission, satisfactory evidence shall be submitted to school personnel that the student has been treated for head lice. This evidence may include but not be limited to:

(1) Proof of treatment with a pediculicide product (e.g. head lice shampoo); or

(2) Satisfactory examination by a school health official.

A student will be expected to have met all requirements for treatment and return to school no later than two (2) days following exclusion for head lice. All days in excess of the allowable period will be marked as unexcused and referred to the attendance supervisor at the proper time.

Any subsequent incidents of head lice for a student during the school year shall require submission of satisfactory evidence of treatment for head lice and be found free of lice by a school health official.

Administrative procedures for handling head lice infestation including treatment and prevention training shall be developed by the director of schools or designee in consultation with the school nurse and distributed to all classroom teachers. These procedures shall also be distributed to the parent/guardian of any student that has head lice.

Legal References

Cross References

1. [TRR/MS 0520-01-13-.01](#)
2. [TCA 49-2-203\(b\)\(2\)](#)

Special Education 4.202
Homebound Instruction 4.206
Promoting Student Welfare 6.400