

Sparta Area School District  
Sparta, WI 54656

Administrative Rule 740 - Head Lice Treatment

Although a head lice infestation is a communicable problem, it is not a disease. The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests that the risk of contagion is low.

Buildings without a regularly assigned health aide will have one staff member designated and trained in head lice management and treatment.

The District will provide the appropriate training, materials and equipment to the designated staff member(s) in each building including the information that will be provided to parents/guardians regarding the treatment of head lice.

When possible, a student infested with head lice will be treated with a Robi comb by a designated school employee. The child will be sent back to class and his/her parent/guardian will be notified by phone, if possible, so treatment can be discussed in detail. Information on treatment will be sent home with the child. The child's siblings will also be checked for head lice. When head lice are found the building administrator or designee will determine if a notice will be sent home with all children in the child's classroom (PK-Gr.5), so that parents can check their child at home.

If a parent/guardian is unable to purchase the initial head lice shampoo or cream rinse, one will be provided to the parent following consultation with the District nurse.

A child found to have head lice will be subject to non-chemical treatments and returned to class. If treatment is not available, students will be isolated for the remainder of the school day. For students with chronic head lice problems, a home visit by the school nurse will be offered for parent/guardian training in head lice and egg detection, nit picking and treatment.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of a child(ren) with chronic head lice infestations, as determined by designated school staff, may be asked to see their family health practitioner. Those parents that refuse to see their family health practitioner, may be referred to the Health Department and/or to Monroe County Human Services to investigate for possible child neglect.

The school newsletters will include periodic reminders to parents to check their children for head lice. The school nurse will be available to provide training to parents and District staff, as requested, on how to check for, identify and treat head lice.

New teacher aides and building secretaries will be hired with job descriptions including head lice management training.

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