Student Personnel

Series 500

Policy Title  __Head Lice Management Plan__________ Code No.  504.11R

- General school or classroom screening is not recommended.

- Students will be screened at the discretion of the trained health professional in the school if lice are suspected or as a result of a reported case.

- Families will be notified by school personnel of the presence of head lice the same day they are detected.

- With the presence of a single identified case in a classroom, the families of the student’s classmates will NOT be notified.

- With the presence of multiple cases (2 or more) of head lice within the same classroom, the families of the students’ classmates will be notified via a printed health alert.

If head lice/nits are identified on a student, the following steps should be taken:

- The parents will be notified and arrangements will be made for parents to receive instructions on the elimination of the infestation from the school health professional. Whenever possible, this exchange of information will be in person. Include copy of pamphlet “Getting Rid of Lice” from the Iowa Department of Public Health. (1-800-369-2229) Review treatment steps for days 1-14.

- Parents will be strongly encouraged to treat promptly. Students will be allowed to return to school after proper treatment has begun. The school nurse will complete a return to school head check. Students may be excluded from school if they return to school on the following day and no treatment has begun.

- If financial hardship is indicated, school personnel may offer lice treatment supplies. Supplies include: Nix, lice comb, regular shampoo, and regular conditioner.

- Parents will be strongly encouraged to remove all nits to eliminate diagnostic confusion when health professional rechecks student.

- On Day 15 of the treatment plan, the school health professional will check the student; if nits or bugs are present, the parents will be notified and the student will be excluded from school until nits and/or bugs are removed.