

	ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE	
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I. **General.**

- (1) Health Examinations. It is recommended that students entering school for the first time have a complete physical and dental examination. Teachers with concerns regarding student health issues should refer students and parents to the school nurse.
- (2) Services Provided by the Education Service to District Students.Services

- (1) Routine health exams and screenings are conducted in schools.
 - (a) Students in pre-K, kindergarten, and grades one, three, five and seven routinely receive Snellen vision screening. Parents will be advised of screening results and referral recommendations. Students in other grades are referred as needed.
 - (b) Students in pre-K, kindergarten, and ~~grades one, three, and five~~ routinely receive audiometric examinations as a hearing screening. Parents will be advised of screening results and referral recommendations. Students in other grades are referred as needed.
 - (c) A daily fluoride tablet program is offered upon request at no cost to schools or families.
- (2) District employees, public health agencies, and educational school districts work together to identify health issues and provide resources to assist students with health concerns. The responsibilities are as follows:

III. Head Lice

The district desires to maximize students' academic performance and physical well-being in a healthy and safe environment. Head lice is not categorized as a communicable disease. The district recognizes that the responsibility for the treatment of head lice rests with the home, but that schools can play an important role in educating parents, students, and staff about the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of head lice. The district operates on a no exclusion, evidence-based policy supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control, the National Association of School Nurses, and the Harvard School of Public Health. Suggested school measures for head lice control, as provided in *Head Lice Guidance*¹¹ issued through the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Health Authority will be followed.

(1) Head lice checks will only be done on an individual, symptom-prompted basis, near the end of a class period, and privacy and confidentiality of the student will be enforced. The school nurse can be used as a resource to help identify the presence of lice or nits on an individual basis, as requested per teacher or that student's parent/guardian. ~~6018~~

in the event additional assistance and/or information is needed regarding the treatment of the student, other family members, close contacts, and the home environment.

(b) The student will receive education on avoiding head-to-head contact and the sharing of personal items such as hats and hoodies with peers, and will return to class; the presence of lice/nits will not be cause for an otherwise healthy student to be excluded from the instructional environment.

- (2) By educating staff, students, and parents with information on lice prevention and management, we aim to:
- a) sustain a collaborative attitude towards containment of pediculosis/nits.
 - b) discourage head to head contact between students.
 - c) discourage the sharing of personal items such as combs, brushes, and hats.
 - d) encourage regular head checks at home by parents as an effective way to detect and treat head lice.
 - e) encourage classroom management by teachers which minimizes any furniture or activities that promote head-to-head contact.

only with parental consent, consent of the student if he or she is over 18 years of age or legally emancipated, or by subpoena.

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