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Pediculosis, also known as head lice, is a common condition in the school environment. Pediculosis is highly contagious and easily spread from direct or indirect contact with the infested person and/or infested personal items. The district will maintain a nit- and lice-free policy requiring that all live lice and all nits be removed before a student can attend school or before an employee can return to work.

The school principal or designee may screen students for head lice. If nits (egg cases) or lice are present, the student will be excluded from school until the student is determined to be nit- and lice-free. If the principal or designee later suspect that the student is again contagious, the student may be excluded from school until a licensed physician releases.

Employees must stay away from the school until they have followed recommended treatment and are nit- and lice-free before returning to work.

Reference: Procedure 8448p, "Head Lice"
Policy 8445, "Communicable Diseases"

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<p>Students (or school employees) having symptoms of head lice, such as scratching of the scalp, or appearance of possible nits, shall be referred to the school principal or designee for inspection. If head lice or nits are found, the principal or designee will take the following precautions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call the parents/guardians to request that they take their child home from school and follow the recommended treatment until the child is nit free before allowing child to return to school. The parent/guardian will be shown some of the nits in order to demonstrate infestation and to see what a nit or louse looks like and thus gain the information needed to examine other family members for infestation. 2. Send a letter home with those students who may be at risk of infection which advises their parents/guardians of the problem and the appropriate actions that they should take. 3. Examine all students who have been in close contact with the infected person. 4. Notify the building administrators who have siblings of the infected child attending their school so the family members might be checked. 5. Notify the Transportation Supervisor and have the child's bus driver alerted that the student will not be transported until notified by the building administrator. 6. When an outbreak of pediculosis occurs at school, classroom, gym, and recess activities involving body-to-body or head-to-body contact between students will be temporarily suspended. 7. During an outbreak, teachers are required to • assign coat hooks in the classroom; • encourage students to keep hats in coat sleeves or pockets; • segregate clothes where adequate facilities for hanging coats are not available; • suspend play on carpeted areas. Also, bedding in sick room must be changed after it is used by a student. 8. A parent/guardian should accompany the student back to school with proof of treatment (note from physician or shampoo box top) before student can be readmitted. The student will be reexamined for active pediculosis before being allowed to return to class. If the student returns to school without proof of treatment, the student may be refused readmission until parent/guardian provides proof of treatment. 9. Each infestation will be recorded, identifying the student's name, age, grade, teacher, bus number, date the infestation was discovered, type of treatment, and date student returned to school after treatment. <p>Note: Employees who suspect they may be infested are expected to notify the principal or designee and to stay away from the school until they have followed recommended treatment and are nit- and louse-free before returning to work.</p> <p>The district will maintain a nit- and lice-free environment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Snake River School District 52, 103 South 900 West, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221</p>	