

## **DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT** **PEDICULOSIS MANAGEMENT**

### **DSD Procedure:**

#### **Pediculosis (Head Lice): (UPDATED PER RECOMMENDATIONS PER THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH )**

**PA School Code The person shall be allowed to return to school immediately after the first Treatment. The person shall be reexamined for infestation by the school nurse 7 days post treatment. Possible pediculosis issues that arise during the school year will be dealt with on an individual basis at the discretion of the building nurses. Contact parent for nit/live infestations. Student is excluded from school for live infestations. Nurse will evaluate prior to re-entry into school, in one week, and at nurse's discretion during the school year. Nurse will contact other nurses in the district if student has siblings. Pediculosis education sheet will be provided to parent/guardian. It is suggested that the parent/guardian contact their health care provider for recommendations.**

**The Pediculosis protocol for the DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT follows the guidelines set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Health and is in compliance with the exclusion guidelines outlined in the PA School Code, Communicable Disease.**

**Your child has been found by visual examination to have head lice and/or nits. Your child will be excluded from school. The nurse will stress the importance of not sharing personal items. The nurse will discuss the Pediculosis information sheet with the parent/guardian and provide the Pennsylvania Department of Health fact sheet. The nurse is available as a resource for questions and/or concerns. The nurse must examine the student following treatment for re-entry into school. The nurse will recommend the student not ride the bus but be brought to school by a parent or a designee to the nurse's office for examination following treatment. The nurse will determine if the student may return to the classroom. The nurse will again check the student 7 days post treatment once a week and as needed for follow-up. It is vital that the recommendations be adhered to for successful lice/nit removal. At times at the nurse's discretion, it is necessary to check clusters of students who have had close head to head contact with the infected student. The nurse will contact other nurses in the district if the student has siblings and the same procedure followed. Results are kept as confidential as possible; however it must be kept in mind that children do inadvertently share this information with friends. The nurses perform head checks in a professional manner maintaining utmost student confidentiality.**

**Additional resources: <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/index.html>  
[http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/diseases\\_and\\_conditions/1595](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/diseases_and_conditions/1595)  
<http://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/Pages/AAP-Offers-Updated-Guidance-on-Treating-Head-Lice.aspx>**

**Respectfully,**

**Dr. Thomas J. Duffy, Ed.D.**

**Superintendent**

# DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## School health services

I HAVE RECEIVED THE ATTACHED PEDICULOSIS INFORMATION SHEET REGARDING HEAD LICE MANAGEMENT. I REVIEWED WITH THE BUILDING NURSE THE RECOMMENDED FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL HEAD LICE MANAGEMENT.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN (SIGNATURE) : \_\_\_\_\_