



**McMINNVILLE
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Policy No: JHCCF

STUDENTS WITH HEAD LICE

POLICY:

The Board recognizes that district programs should be conducted in a manner that protects and enhances student and employee health and is consistent with recognized health practices. Consequently, in order to prevent the spread of the communicable disease pediculosis (head lice) in the school setting, district staff shall make periodic checks for head lice as needed and appropriate for age and grade level. Since the distinction between live and dead nits (eggs) is difficult to discern and because once established an infestation is extremely difficult to eradicate, infected students shall be excluded from school attendance according to OAR 333-019-0315. Students excluded from school will be readmitted after treatment is completed and nits have been completely removed.

Successful treatment of head lice requires a coordinated approach that involves the use of recognized anti-lice products and implementation of preventative measures recommended by health authorities. The district will provide parents of students found to have contracted head lice with treatment information. It is the district's intent to not only eliminate the current infestation, but also to prevent a repeat episode.

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this policy.

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[ORS 433.255](#)

[ORS 433.260](#)

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