

POLICY 5533.2  
PEDICULOSIS (Head Lice)

The principal shall exclude students with pediculosis (head lice) from school until they have received proper treatment, in accordance with state and local health requirements.

Each principal will determine whether an inspection of suspected cases of pediculosis is necessary. Such an inspection will be carried out in cooperation with local health officials.

**LEGAL REF.:** Wisconsin Statutes

Section: 252.21 Communicable disease reporting]

HSS 145.06, Wisconsin Administrative Code Special disease control measures; pediculosis

**CROSS REF.:** 5310 Student Attendance  
5533 Communicable Disease Control  
5540 Reporting Child Abuse/Neglect

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A. Inspections

1. Mass inspection of students for pediculosis will be arranged by the principal using personnel who have been trained by local health officials in this procedure. Such personnel may include parent volunteers.
2. A confirmation inspection of individual suspected cases of pediculosis may also be scheduled by the principal.

B. Cases of Pediculosis

1. Parents/guardians of students who have been removed from school following such inspections will be notified. Such notification shall include fact sheet on pediculosis.
2. Students remaining out of school for a week or more because of pediculosis will be referred to local health officials.
3. If the student is not free of head lice or lice eggs as determined by the principal/designee, and the student is not back in school within a week after notification to the local health department, the case may be considered equivalent to truancy and/or parent/guardian neglect, and referred to the proper authorities.