

Oneida Special Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in May	Descriptor Term: Pediculosis (Head Lice)	Descriptor Code: 6.4031	Issued Date: 03/06/14
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1 The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the prevention and control of head lice in
2 students and staff attending Oneida Schools.

3 No student shall be denied an education solely by reason of head lice infestation and his/her
4 educational program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize the risk of transmitting
5 the infestation.

6 It shall be the responsibility of the school nurse or the principal's designee to notify the student's
7 parents/ guardians if the student has pediculosis (head lice). The school nurse or the principal's
8 designee will determine if the student will be sent home. If immediate removal of the student is
9 unnecessary, the student will return to class to avoid lost instructional time.

10 All students shall be expected to have met all requirements for treatment within (1) school day. These
11 requirements include:

- 12 1. being free of lice; and
- 13 2. proof of treatment with a pediculicide product (head lice shampoo).

14 All days in excess of the allowable period shall be marked as unexcused absences and referred to the
15 attendance supervisor at the proper time.

16 If the student is not lice free the next school day, he/she **may** be sent home. The school nurse or
17 principal's designee will educate the student's parents/guardians and reassess the student for progress in
18 nit removal. The parent/guardian will be allowed seven (7) days to produce proof that the student is
19 free of nits.

20 Treatment and prevention procedures shall be developed by the director of schools in consultation with
21 the school nurse and distributed to all classroom teachers. These procedures shall also be distributed to
22 the parent/guardian of any student that has pediculosis. **Procedures stating prevention and treatment
23 may be sent to all parents in the school throughout the year.**

24 Any subsequent incidents of head lice for a student during the school year shall require submission of
25 satisfactory evidence of treatment for head lice and be found free of lice by a school health official.