

TYPE: POLICY  
SECTION: PUPILS  
TITLE: HEAD LICE  
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## HEAD LICE

### **Purpose**

Gillingham Charter School desires to maximize students' academic performance and physical well-being in a healthy and safe environment. The school recognizes that head lice infestations do not pose a health hazard, are not a sign of uncleanliness and are not responsible for the spread of any disease.

The goals of providing a healthy and safe environment for students with head lice are:

1. To accurately assess the extent of the infestation.
2. To contain infestation.
3. To provide appropriate health information for treatment and prevention.
4. To prevent overexposure to potentially hazardous chemicals from treatments.
5. To prevent bullying in order to maximize academic performance.
6. To minimize absences due to unnecessary exclusion of students.

To better manage and to limit the spread of head lice infestations, parents/guardians are responsible for reporting all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee. In addition, school employees shall report any suspected cases to the school nurse. The school nurse shall examine the student. A suspected infestation shall be determined by looking closely

through the hair and scalp for viable nits or live lice. The nurse then follows the established **Head Lice Procedures** to take appropriate actions. The procedures are available in the office for review.

**Guidelines**

- If live (crawling) lice are found on the hair, the parent/guardian shall be notified via phone and they will be responsible for providing transportation home.
- A notification letter will be sent to the child's class.
- Parents/Guardians will be counseled on treatment choices, treatment procedure and household clean up measures to eradicate the problem in the home.
- All siblings of the identified student will be examined by the school nurse. It may be necessary to examine other children that may have been exposed by close head to head contact with the student identified as having live lice. The school nurse will inspect classmates as determined by the school nurse or the CEO.

Remittance to School:

- The student will be readmitted to the school after the first treatment. It is the parents/guardians responsibility to provide transportation to the school. The child will be checked for present lice by the school nurse before returning to the classroom. The parent/guardian is expected to remain with the student until the head lice examination is completed and treatment is verified.
- If live lice are found at that time, the parent/guardian will be expected to take the child home and the child will be excluded for twenty (24) hours to allow for additional treatment. This process will continue until the student is free of live head lice.

**Written Policies**

Charter School's written policy on HEAD LICE is public record..

**TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH THE SCHOOL'S CHARTER OR APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS AND/OR CHARTER CONTROL.**

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Board President

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Board Secretary

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