

### **Head Lice Policy**

The Keller School District recognizes that in order to prevent the spread of head lice and to ensure students remain lice free at school, periodic head checks will be conducted.

If head lice are discovered, the parent/guardian will be contacted to check out their child from school. If treatment is done right away, the parent is to accompany their child to school the next day and a follow-up head check will be done with the parent/guardian present.

This policy/procedure is intended to promote an optimal learning environment for all students.

Procedure 3411 provides more details concerning this policy and how the school, parents, students, and community can work together.

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## **Head Lice Procedure**

Periodic head checks for head lice are conducted at school. The need for head checks are initiated, but not limited, for the following reasons: A student is observed scratching their head continuously; A student reports to school personnel that their head itches; A parent reports to school personnel that their child got head lice at school.

To ensure all students remain lice free at school, the following procedure will be implemented: Upon discovering head lice on a student the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately to come and check out their student for treatment (they will be provided a non-toxic treatment, a lice comb, and instructions for treatment, when available)

A parent or guardian must accompany their student back to school (bus transportation will not be available at this time). Upon return a follow-up head check will be conducted with the parent or guardian present. If no head lice is found, the student may return to class and they will resume riding the bus. If head lice is found the student will leave once again with their parent/guardian for further treatment.

Parents of students with chronic head lice (2 or more incidences) will be referred to the Community Health Representative for further treatment advisement.

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