

The district is committed to maximizing students' academic performance, preventing unnecessary absences, and providing a healthy and safe environment for learning. The Board 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 Board directs the superintendent to develop administrative policies that will limit school exclusion for head lice and provide educational information to parents, guardians, and staff.

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