

K. Control of Head Lice Procedure

Head lice are not a health hazard and are not responsible for the spread of disease. Infestation is a nuisance rather than a major threat to the student’s well-being. Information about head lice can be found at hhs.nd.gov .

The Montpelier Public School, with the advice and assistance of the Central Valley Health Unit and the North Dakota Department of Health, will use the following procedure to control head lice in the building.

1. In suspected cases a trained volunteer should examine the child’s hair and scalp to verify the report. The siblings of the suspected student will also be examined.

2. In confirmed cases, trained volunteers will examine all children in the classroom to detect further infestation. If students change classes during the day, students in each of the infested child’s classes should be checked. If a substantial number of children appear to be infested, all students in the school should be examined. School wide inspection has the support and cooperation of the Montpelier School Board and administration and will be conducted as needed.

3. Students infested with live lice and/or nits (eggs) and their belongings will be removed from the classroom and sent home as soon as a parent or guardian is notified. Parents will be provided information about proper procedure and recommendations for treatment. Parents will also be provided information about proper cleaning of home, bedding, and clothing to remove head lice. Parents of children with nits will be notified and will be required to give treatment with the child being check by a trained volunteer prior to being allowed to go to class the next school day.

4. After proper treatment and cleaning regime, students will be checked by a trained volunteer to check for presence of lice and nits, students found to have live lice and/or nits will not be allowed to return to class and parents will be called to bring their child back home. According to procedures recommended by the US Government’s Public Health Service, a second treatment should be administered in nine days. A child will be checked daily until it is believed that head lice are no longer present.

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