



Health Services Mat-Su Borough School District 501 N. Gulkana Palmer, AK 99645 P: (907) 746-9200

**Students** BP 5141.22(b)

## **Head Lice Policy**

Upon notification of suspected cases of head lice, the school nurse or designee will examine the student. The student will remain in his/her classroom for the remainder of the day.

If live lice are found in the hair, the parent will be notified to use over-the-counter treatment, via phone, email, and/or a note sent home with the student. The next day, an examination of the student will take place by the school nurse or designee. The student may remain at school if there is no presence of live lice. If there are nits present, the student may remain in school. Presence of nits does not indicate active infestation.

Head lice can be a nuisance but they have not been known to spread disease. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice. In cases that involve head lice, as in all school health issues, the student's privacy will be protected.

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