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Head Lice Procedures

PHILOSOPHY

Head lice is wide-spread among early elementary students. It is estimated that between 8 and 12 million children get head lice each year in the United States. In the case that a student at Good Foundations Academy contracts a case of head lice, we will support families of the student with the case through a process listed below. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a healthy child should not be kept home from school because of lice. We recommend that families begin treatment and return to class as soon as possible but avoid head contact with others.

PROCEDURE

- If a student is showing symptoms or is suspected of having head lice a staff member will check for lice.
- If head lice is found by the staff member, the following process will be followed.
 1. Parent will be contacted by the office staff
 2. Parent will be asked to come pick up the student and begin treatment.
 3. The parent will be given the "Getting Rid of Head Lice Pamphlet" from the Utah Department of Health and a letter giving instructions for parents to follow and help educate them on head lice.
 4. After the first treatment for the head lice has been given, the student will be cleared to come back to school (must confirm with parent.)
 5. Staff will check and make sure all siblings are clear of head lice and notify the siblings teacher to look for symptoms.
 6. Parents of the class with the case will be notified and items in the classroom will be washed as necessary.
- If a parent calls and notifies the school of a case, steps 3-6 above will be followed.