



SECTION: 539
TITLE: CONTROL OF LICE INFESTATION

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1	I. PURPOSE	The purpose of this policy is to reduce the incidence of lice infestation in the	1
2		Neshaminy school age population.	2
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4	II. DEFINITIONS	For the purpose of this policy “ Lice Infestation ” shall refer to the presence of	4
5		any louse observed on the scalp and/or the observation of nits attached to the	5
6		hair shaft. Incidence will be defined as the diagnosis of a new case of lice	6
7		infestation.	7
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9	III. POLICY	No student may attend any Neshaminy School nor any of it programs while	9
10		suffering from lice infestation.	10
11		Exclusion Procedures to Control Lice Infestation	11
12		Any student referred to the school health suite for suspicion of lice infestation	12
13		shall be examined by the certified school nurse. If the student is found to	13
14		have a lice infestation, the following steps are taken:	14
15		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The parent or guardian is notified that the student has been excluded from	15
16		the school environment and must be taken home.	16
17		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upon arrival at the school to retrieve the student, the parent or guardian	17
18		shall receive the District letter describing the District policy on lice	18
19		infestation as well as instruction on the care of the student with lice	19
20		infestation.	20
21		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All siblings as well as all close contacts of the excluded student are	21
22		screened by school personnel for possible lice infestation. At the	22
23		elementary level, close contacts include other members of the affected	23
24		student’s class. (Any further cases found are also excluded and the	24
25		process described above is followed.)	25
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27		Readmission of Students Excluded for Lice Infestation – Students excluded	27
28		for lice infestation may return to the school environment as soon as	28
29		treatment has been given.	29
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31		Any student who has been identified as having a lice infestation must	31
32		report to the nurse upon return. The nurse in turn will contact the parent for	32
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