



SECTION: 540

TITLE: CONTROL OF SCABIES INFECTION

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1	PURPOSE	The purpose of this policy is to prevent the spread of scabies from an infected student to other children in the Neshaminy school age population.	1
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4	DEFINITIONS	For the purpose of this policy, Scabies Infection shall refer to the identification of objective symptoms resulting from exposure to the scabies mite:	4
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6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a discolored zigzag track or furrow near the skin surface. 	6
7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intense itching in the area of the skin eruption. 	7
8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disclosure of other family members with a diagnosis of scabies. 	8
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10	POLICY	No student may attend any Neshaminy School nor any of its programs while suffering from scabies infection. Neshaminy School District supports the recommendation of the Pennsylvania Department of Health regarding the exclusion of students identified with scabies infection.	10
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15		Exclusion Procedures to Control Scabies Infection - Any student referred to the school health suite for suspicion of scabies infection shall be examined by the certified school nurse. If the student is found to have symptoms consistent with scabies infection, the following steps are taken:	15
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19		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parent or guardian is notified that the student has been excluded from the school environment and must be taken for medical evaluation and treatment. 	19
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22		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon arrival at the school to retrieve the student, the parent or guardian shall receive the district letter describing the policy for scabies infection as well as the recommendations for care of the student with a scabies infection. 	22
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27		Readmission of Students Excluded for Scabies Infection - Students excluded for scabies infection may return to the school environment as soon as they have been examined and treated by a physician. A note from the physician may be required to verify treatment. Students may still have skin irritation on their return to school but are deemed non-contagious following the pharmacological treatment for scabies.	27
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