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516 (B) Hayfield Policy Regarding Nits and Head lice

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to reduce the spread of head lice in the school environment.

II. General statement of Policy

Students who have head lice will be sent home for treatment and removal of head lice and nits. Students may return to school the next day so long as treatment, attempts at nit removal, and environmental cleaning has been done.

III. Procedures

Hayfield's nursing staff or designated, trained assistants will perform head checks on students suspected of having head lice.

First Reported Case

1. Parent(s) of students found to have head lice will be called to pick up their child and provide treatment. If the family has other school age children, their heads are also checked for live lice, and the same procedure is followed.
2. Treatment supplies will be provided by Dodge County Family Services Collaborative, if needed. Educational material and consultation about treatment will be available from the school district's health office.
3. When the student returns to school after treatment the nursing staff or assistant will examine the child's head to determine effective treatment before the child returns to the classroom. Treatment will be considered effective if less than 10 nits are found. If 10 or more nits are present, but it is apparent that efforts at nit removal have taken place the child may be allowed to remain in school, but daily checks will monitor the continued effort of parents to remove the remaining nits. If little or no attempt to remove lice or nits has occurred parent(s) will be contacted and the child will be sent home.
4. The school nursing staff will use discretion in determining need for head lice checks in the classroom of the affected student.
5. When a student has a new occurrence of head lice, all children in the classroom will receive a handout for parents regarding instructions on checking and treating head

lice because constant parent monitoring is the most effective way of preventing the spread of head lice.

6. The school nursing staff will recheck the child on a weekly basis or more often as deemed necessary for a minimum of two weeks.

Second Reported Case

1. Same steps followed as in first reported case.
2. Children who are positive for head lice twice or more will be monitored on a regular schedule to be determined by the school nursing staff.

Third Reported Case

1. Same steps followed as in first reported case.
2. The School Nurse, School Social Worker, and Principal are notified, and the family is contacted with the offer of additional assistance. Possible referral to personal physician for different head lice product.

Fourth Reported Case

1. Same steps followed as in first reported case.
2. With permission from the parents, Dodge County Public Health will be asked by the School Nurse to assist the family with the treatment of head lice.

Fifth Reported Case

1. Same steps followed as in first reported case.
2. The school will contact Dodge County Human Services Child Protection for possible follow-up.