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Policy :

It is St. Joseph Academy’s policy that students who are identified with head lice through an exam of their head will be sent home for treatment. Students will be readmitted to school after successful treatment and screening (no lice).

Procedures:

- a. If evidence exists that a student has live lice the following protocol will be followed:
 - i. Parents/guardians are to be notified that student has lice and are to be taken home for treatment the same day. Siblings of the student will also be screened for lice and need for treatment.
 - ii. When the student returns to school, the parents/guardians **must** bring proof of treatment (the original box of treatment/shampoo) to school. Upon return the student’s head must be checked for lice by the School Nurse or other SJA staff prior to being allowed back in the classroom. If no live lice are present, the student may return to class. If live lice are present, the student must return home with parents/guardians.
 - iii. Students with nits only are allowed back in class, but should be monitored for signs of re-infestation.
- b. If live lice are present in one or more students in a classroom, notifications will go out to all classrooms the within the grade level of that student notifying the parents/guardians about the lice being present in the classroom/grade. Notification will include steps and actions to be taken at home for lice.
- c. A thorough cleaning and vacuuming of the affected classroom and other areas potentially impacted will be completed by the maintenance/cleaning staff upon notification by the teacher.
- d. Teachers and staff will be instructed in control measures to be used in the classroom to help further spread of lice. Information and strategies to reduce the spread of lice will be provided.

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