

825 - Handling Students with Lice Infestation Procedure

1. Purpose:

To establish policy and procedures in managing lice infestation at GWA.

When a student attending George Washington Academy is confirmed to be infested with live and crawling head lice, a parent will be contacted and informed of effective treatments to kill lice. The student will be permitted to attend school after evidence-based treatments have been administered.

2. Procedure:

2.1. A student identified with head lice will be allowed to remain in school. The parent will be contacted and given instructions on evidence-based treatment options.

2.1.1. The parent will be instructed to examine siblings of the student for crawling lice.

2.1.2. Every effort will be made to preserve the dignity of the student.

2.2. The parent will be encouraged to return their child back to school on the following school day, as long as the live, crawling head lice have been eradicated.

2.3. Basic educational materials to eradicate lice will be provided on the GWA website.

2.4. The custodian will be informed of the need to clean the floors, furniture, and carpeting within the classroom(s) attended by lice infested students.

2.5. If the student does not return to school within a timely manner after exclusion, contact will be made by the School Office Staff to inquire about the reason for the absences and to offer support to the family.

2.5.1 If the student does not return to school after contact by school authorities, the Office Staff will contact the parents to determine if further support is needed.

2.5.2. If the lice infestation continues and/or the student is not returned to school after supportive efforts are provided, the Executive Director will determine the necessity to contact Child and Protective Service (DCFS), on the basis of educational neglect (needlessly keeping the student out of school). In many cases, DCFS may also provide additional support to the family to help remove the infestation and allow the student to transition back to school.