



## Managing Presumed Head Lice in Schools

### As Endorsed By



Student complaint of symptoms, or staff request for check due to recognition of symptoms

Confidential individual screening by staff near the end of a class period

No Lice

- Take the opportunity to educate student on lice prevention
- Return student to class
- Notify parent of screening and need for routine checks at home.

**Lice Found**

- Recommended Responses**
- Educate student on avoiding head-to-head contact and sharing of personal items
  - Notify parent/guardian of the findings of the screening
  - Provide information to parent/guardian on the biology of head lice and methods to eliminate infestations
  - If live bugs are found parents should be called to pick student up. Return student to next class period if parent will not be picking them up before the end of the school day

- Unjustified Responses**
- **Excluding or quarantining the student or his/her possessions**
  - **Violating confidentiality of the affected student and his/her family**
  - **Notifying other students and parents of minor health issues affecting classmates**
  - **Mass screening of students for head lice and/or nits**
  - **Applying insecticides to classrooms and buses**
  - **Reporting cases of head lice to DHS**
  - **Bagging of coats and clothes**
  - **Restricting the use of headphones or helmets**