

**PATTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**EPS CODE: JHCC-R-3**

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## **PEDICULOSIS**

The Board of Education recognizes that Pediculosis (head lice) is a contagious disease that is easily spread in the school setting and difficult to eliminate. Students with a diagnosed case of head lice may return to school after being treated. Parents and guardians are also instructed to do the necessary laundry and cleaning to remove the lice and nits from the home environment. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Citizens, American Pediatrics Association, Missouri Association of School Nurses, and the National Association of School Nurses have recommended that no child should be excluded from school if only nits are present after treatment.

All students returning to school must be checked by the school nurse or qualified school personnel before returning to class. As long as no live lice are present, the student will be allowed back in class. It will be the professional judgment of the school nurse to determine if appropriate treatment has been administered.

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