Head Lice and Nits

PURPOSE: For the protection of all students, Central R-III School District has a "No Nit" Policy. A child who is infected with head lice or nits (head lice eggs which attach to the shaft of the hair) may not return to school until head lice has been treated and all nits have been removed.

- 1. There will be two school wide head checks conducted at Central and West Elementary Schools annually. Random checks will be conducted as needed at all schools.
- 2. If the student's parent or guardian finds nits or head lice, the parent or guardian will contact the building nurse, administrator or teacher immediately.
- 3. Should any student be determined to have lice or nits, the following procedures will be taken:
 - A. The student's parent/guardian will be immediately contacted, the student will be excluded from school and placed in the custody of the parent/guardian. If a parent/guardian cannot be contacted immediately, the student will be kept in a designated area until parent/guardian contact can be made. The parent/guardian will be given proper notification of the results of the check, along with a copy of the procedures that are required prior to the student's reentry into the school.
 - B. If a student has been found to have head lice, a school official will examine siblings and any student or students that the child has been in close contact with that also attends Central R-III School District. The same procedures will be followed if they are found to have nits.
 - C. The parent/guardian will be presented with the information regarding treatment, resources and prevention of lice and nits. If the student is absent more than three days, a school representative will contact the family. Juvenile and/or Social Services officials may also be contacted as deemed necessary.

D. The student will be checked by school personnel before re-admission. If the student is found to still have nits, the student will be sent home again. Should no nits or lice be found, the student should be immediately re-admitted to the school and classroom.