

Pataula Charter Academy

Spring Creek Charter Academy

TITLE: Lice Control and Prevention Policy

APPROVED BY: The Governing Board

REFERENCES:

CDC Guidelines. GA Head Lice Manual

PURPOSE:

To provide guidance for the effective management of Head Lice in the pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy school communities.

POLICY:

It is the policy of Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy to ensure a safe and positive environment for the students. When a healthy student is found to have lice, every effort shall be made to protect their privacy and to avoid excluding them from school by encouraging prompt treatment. Only in extreme cases will the student be sent home for lice. This decision will be made by the principal, superintendent and/or school nurse.

When a student is identified as having lice, the school will notify the parent or guardian of the student advising them of the condition and informing them that the student must be treated. The school will provide the parents with an informational letter outlining the treatments necessary for the elimination of lice and the re-infestation.

When a student is suspected of having an active case of head lice, the school nurse or his or her designee will remove the student from the classroom and perform a check of the student's head in a private secure area. If active head lice is confirmed, the siblings or any students who may have been in close contact with the infected student, may be checked for head lice as well to ensure that all cases are identified and subsequently treated. All parents will be notified if a case of head lice is found, although the name(s) of the affected student(s) will not be disclosed.

Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy shall identify at least two members who will be trained in the identification of lice infestation and the recommended treatments that eliminate lice and prevent re-infestation.

Students should not be in violation of the attendance policy due to lice.

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