

1 **Board Policies**

Blair-Taylor School District

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STUDENTS
STUDENT HEALTH AND WELFARE
NO NIT POLICY

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9 The infestation of head lice is a communicable disease. Since head lice are present in epidemic
10 proportions and present a health and welfare issue to our students and staff, it has become necessary for
11 the Blair-Taylor School District to develop a "no nit" policy. Upon admission to school parents/guardians will
12 receive a copy of the Blair-Taylor School District "Guidelines for Handling Head Lice".
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14 Each building principal shall appoint one or more individuals to assist with detecting cases, exclusions and
15 readmissions to class. To be considered an active case of head lice, one or more of the following
16 conditions must be present:
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- 18 1. A live louse or lice are visible in the hair.
- 19 2. Newly hatched pepper-like nits are visible on the scalp.
- 20 3. The presence of white/gray eggs (nits) on the hair shaft.

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22 When someone is found to be infected with head lice, the following steps will be taken:

- 23 1. The child will be sent home immediately with a note to the parents explaining the situation and
24 recommendations for treatment. It is important to notify parents that if open sores or scratches
25 appear on the scalp, the child should be referred to a physician for treatment to prevent the spread
26 of infection.
- 27 2. All siblings and classmates of the afflicted person shall be screened for infestation. The principal in
28 other buildings shall be advised whenever a case of head lice has been discovered.
- 29 3. If a large number of children are found to have nits, screening of the entire student body may be
30 advisable.
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32 Upon return to school the following must be met:

- 33 1. The child must be accompanied to school by a parent or guardian and complete a form detailing
34 treatment steps taken.
- 35 2. The returning child shall be examined as a precaution to assure the absence of lice or nits. If the
36 child does not show evidence of having been satisfactorily treated, he will not be readmitted to
37 school. (Any student with even one nit will be sent home.)
- 38 3. A re-examination of the child two weeks after returning to school shall be done to be sure that
39 reinfection has not occurred.
- 40 4. Students who are repeatedly infested may be referred to the appropriate public health officials for
41 assistance.
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44 **LEGAL REFERENCE: Wis. Stat. 143.04**

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