

**UCEN Board/Oasis Charter Public School
Salinas, California**

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Section V Students

Article XVI Head Lice

The UCEN Board and Oasis Charter Public School recognizes that health and safety of students and staff are critical to regular school attendance.

The school shall encourage early detection and required treatment of head lice, in a manner that does not impose a risk of transmitting the disease and minimizes the impact of the student's educational program and reduces student absences from school.

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse, if available, and/or a designee as soon as possible.

All staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified having head lice.

The Executive Director or designee may distribute information regarding routine screening, symptoms for parents to look for, such as, how to accurately diagnose, and provide appropriate treatment of head lice. Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the local Head Lice Prevention and Control through the Monterey County Health Department or information provided by the California Department Public Health website.

If a student is found to have live adult lice, the student shall be allowed to remain in school until the end of the school day. The parent/guardian will be provided information about treatment and is encouraged to begin such treatment immediately and should check all members of the family. Parents/guardians shall be notified that the student shall return to school the next day and upon return will be checked by the school nurse or designee. If there is no active head lice the student will be allowed to remain in school. If it is determined by the school nurse or designee that the student is still infected the school nurse or designee shall contact the student's parents/guardians to discuss treatment. If needed the parent/guardian will be provided additional resources and/or a referral to the local health department or other agencies.

If it is determined that more than one student in a class is infected with head lice, the Executive Director or designee at their discretion may notify parents/guardians that students in the class have head lice and provide them information regarding treatment of head lice.