

1 **Charlo School District**

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Head Lice

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7 The Board recognizes its responsibility to all students enrolled in the Charlo Schools to provide a
8 safe and healthy environment in which they may attend school. One inhibitor to a healthy
9 environment is the head louse (*Pediculus capitis*). Head lice infestations must be addressed in
10 public schools if a healthy environment is to be maintained. Every attempt will be made to
11 educate students and parents on the prevention and eradication of head lice before and after
12 infestation is detected.

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14 The innocent desire of children to be social and the communicable nature of lice requires
15 preventive measures by the school district and the public health agency to contain infestations.
16 The Charlo School will work cooperatively with the public health agency to insure that
17 infestations of head lice are contained and eradicated in the school.

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19 In the interest of health and welfare of students enrolled in Charlo Schools, no student will be
20 permitted to attend classes with the general population if they are infested with head lice.

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22 To avoid embarrassment and to contain the infestation, whole classrooms will be checked for
23 head lice upon the report of possible infestation by a classroom teacher. The administrator,
24 his/her designee, school nurse or another qualified professional will examine the child in
25 question and their classmates. Siblings of students found with lice and their classmates will also
26 be checked if there is suspicion that infestation may exist.

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28 The student found with head lice is to be kept out of school until he/she is treated and hair is free
29 of lice and eggs. Although eggs (nits) cannot spread to other children, they may hatch in 2-3
30 days and would immediately become communicable.

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32 Parents or guardians will be informed of lice infestation by a letter that explains the problem,
33 lists the procedures for treatment and requirements for reentering school. Every attempt will be
34 made to contact parents or guardians immediately upon discovery of head lice. Parents will be
35 asked to come to school to pick up the student and begin treatment immediately.

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38 Policy History:

39 Adopted on:

40 Reviewed on:

41 Revised on: