

## REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF BED BUGS

Bed bugs are oval, flat, reddish brown insects that feed on human blood. Bed bugs do not transmit disease and do not cause serious medical problems.

When a case of bed bugs is reported to the school, or detected by school personnel, the following steps will be taken:

1. The school nurse and/or school principal will be contacted.
2. If the school nurse and/or principal determine the student has live bed bugs on his or her person or on their personal belongings, the student will be sent home. The parent/guardian will be advised to treat their home. The student will not be permitted to ride the bus until the school nurse and/or principal has checked the student and determines he or she is free from bed bugs. The parent/guardian will bring the child to school for the nurse or principal to check for bed bugs. If there are no bed bugs present, the student may return to the classroom.
3. Siblings of students with bed bugs will also be checked.
4. School wide classroom screenings are not advised. School wide screenings have not proven to be beneficial and are a distraction to the educational process. However, the school nurse or principal will have the ability to check a large group if he or she feels it will be beneficial to a specific situation.
5. Students should not be checked in the classroom or in the hallway. This is a violation of the student's privacy. Students will be checked in the nurse's clinic.
6. Parents are encouraged to check for bed bugs on a routine basis at home. Bed bug detection is the responsibility of the parent.
7. Every effort will be made to maintain the confidentiality of the student and his or her family.