



**Youngstown
City School District**

'Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future'

BED BUG PREVENTION PROCEDURE AND PROTOCL

The Youngstown City School District has a duty to maintain the health, safety and welfare of its students, staff and the public and has developed the following procedure and protocol governing the steps that will be taken to prevent an infestation of bed bugs on school district property.

If a suspected bed bug is found on a student and/or his or her belongings, the principal or designee should discreetly remove the student from class so the school nurse or a qualified individual can perform an inspection of the student's clothing and other belongings, including but not limited to shoes, jackets, hats, books, backpacks, school supplies, etc. Dependent on the particular circumstances, if it is confirmed that a suspected bed bug has been found on a student and/or his or her belongings, the Chief Executive Officer or designee may elect to remove the student from curricular activities or from the school premises pursuant to the authority to regulate the health, safety and welfare of students and in accordance with Ohio law. That said, every effort will be made by the administration to properly address the situation so that the student may remain in school.

The eradication of bed bugs from school District's Integrated Pest Management policy

Bed bugs are spreading rapidly within the U at schools. It is important for schools to be to address the detection of bed bugs. Since not be excluded from school due to bed bug follow these guidelines with the student's di

EDUCATION: We coordinate with the Youngstown Health Department to train custodial, teaching, and nursing staff on bed bug identification. The training includes the following topics: identification of bed bugs and bed bug evidence, bed bug hiding spots and the school's bed bug response protocol. The training can be conducted by the local health department, an entomologist, or a pest management professional.

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Care for the Student

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such as a book bag or gym bag, into a large plastic bag and tightly seal the bag.

2. Heat kills bed bugs. If the school has a washer or dryer, the school may wash the student's clothing at the hottest recommended setting. Tumble dry the clothing on high heat for thirty (30) minutes.
3. Check areas where the student sits or where affected belongings may be placed for extended periods of time (such as lockers). Bed bugs are highly mobile, and though they only feed on humans and rapidly retreat, they can be found in many locations.
4. Take all necessary precautions to adhere to these guidelines so as not to call undue attention to the child.

Collect a Specimen for Identification

1. Try to collect the specimen(s) using a tissue or a piece of gauze. Try not to crush the bugs. Multiple specimens can be very helpful in identification of the insect.
2. Dispose of additional bed bugs found by placing them in a tightly sealed bag and discard the bag in an outdoor trash receptacle or dumpster. **VERY IMPORTANT:** If a specimen is found on a student or the student's belongings, remove the specimen as instructed above, but do not send the student home. Instead, promptly contact the parents/guardians if the specimen is a confirmed bed bug.
3. Contact the Youngstown or Ohio Department of Health if uncertain.
4. An additional service to identify insects is available at the Ohio State University (www.ppdcc.osu.edu).
5. Do not send live specimens via any postal or shipping service. Check the appropriate websites for proper submission protocols. Once received by the agency, the specimen will be examined and the school will be notified of the bug's identification.

Positive Identification of Bed Bug: What to Do Next

1. After positive identification of a bed bug, the school principal or the school nurse should provide the school community with the following information:
 - a. Parent or Guardian notification letter, which does NOT contain any personally identifiable information about the student;
 - b. Resources and additional information are available on Central Ohio Bed Bug Task Force web site at www.centralohiobedbugs.org.
2. Make follow-up contact with the parents or guardians regarding the bed bug presence on their child. Suggest clean, freshly laundered (on high heat setting) and sealed change of clothing be sent to school (as long as needed).
3. Send only essential items to school with the student and notify the parents/guardians that all items will be inspected upon arrival at school.



4. Suggest keeping school items sealed in a plastic bag or tote at home and limit items going back and forth from home to school until infestation is treated.
5. Ongoing pest management should be overseen by the school principal or designee in accordance with the District's Integrated Pest Management Policy.
6. Vacuuming procedures to follow where bed bugs are found:
 - a. Vacuum affected areas where bed bugs are found during normal after-school cleaning schedule.
 - b. Sprinkle about 1/4 to 1/2 cup of talcum powder on the last section of floor to be vacuumed.
 - c. Remove the bag and place in a tightly sealed plastic garbage bag.
 - d. Do not use the same vacuum bag if moving to an uninfected area.

It is important to note that students shall not be excluded from school due to bed bugs unless repeated efforts have been made to remedy an infestation. As such, designated school administrators shall work with parents of any student living in an infested home to develop strategies for preventing the further spread of bed bugs.