

CISD Bed Bug Management Procedure

Bed Bugs are small, flat, parasitic insects that feed solely on the blood of people and animals while they sleep. Bed bugs are reddish- brown in color, wingless and range from 1mm-7mm. They can live several months without a meal. **Bed bugs are a nuisance and not considered a medical or public health hazard.** Bed bugs are not known to spread disease. It is hard to tell if you have been bitten by a bed bug unless you find evidence of bed bugs in the home. The best way to treat a bite is to avoid scratching. **Do not panic!!**

Possible Bed Bugs Found:

- Treat each child with discretion, dignity, and respect when dealing with this sensitive issue. Any bugs found should be removed in a private area by the student or parent.
- If the student is complaining of itchy bites, the nurse or nurse assistant can treat possible insect/bug bites with baking soda paste, soap, water and ice. Notify parent if possible bites are found.
- If an insect/bug is found on the student, remove the student and affected belongings from class discreetly. Place affected belongings in Ziploc bag or Trash bag until the end of school.
- Notify parent of possible bug/insect found on the student or student's belongings and of any bites. If parent expresses a known bed bug problem, discuss facts and send educational materials home. If parent does not know of any problems at home with bed bugs, send educational materials home for information as needed.
- **Students will not be excluded from school!**
- Notify campus Administrator.
- Notify Blake Glenn, Custodial Supervisor and Lead Custodian to vacuum the affected room after school. Dispose of vacuum bag in sealed garbage bag immediately. Wash and dry affected dust mops and rags on high heat.

