



Bed Bug Parent/Guardian Notification

Re: Bed Bug Education

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Bed bugs were recently discovered in a classroom. Bed bugs are a nuisance, but their bites are not known as disease transmitters. Bed bugs are generally more active at night and feed on human blood. At first the bite does not hurt, but it can swell and itch, like a mosquito bite or ant bite. Look for groups of bites, usually in rows or areas of the body that are exposed. If you are concerned about your child's health or yours, please consult your doctor.

It is not known where bed bugs come from, since bed bugs can be found in many places, including hotels, airplanes and movie theaters. Bed bugs prefer an environment where they can hide during the day and come out at night to feed. Most schools or daycare settings do not offer this type of environment; however, bed bugs can hide in clothing and personal belongings such as backpacks and lunch bags. Although a school is not very likely to be infested with bed bugs, Austin ISD will conduct an inspection, and if necessary, implement a comprehensive pest control plan in the area where the bed bug was found.

Consult your doctor or school health room team for proper care and treatment for bed bug bites. If you have questions about bed bugs at your school, contact the school principal. If you have questions about bed bugs in your home, contact your local health department or visit <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/phs/bedbugs.aspx>.

Sincerely,

School Health Team for (*campus*): _____

Principal: _____

Contact Number: _____