



Subject: Update on Bed Bugs at Bradley Central High School

December 5, 2025

Dear BCHS Families,

Earlier this week, we shared that bed bugs were found on a chair in one classroom at Bradley Central High School. Per district protocol, certified pest control professionals treated the area and any necessary items were disposed of.

In a separate incident, earlier today a single bed bug was found on a student's clothing. We followed district protocol immediately. This includes the following:

- Removing the bed bug and disposing of it.
- Notifying the student's parent or guardian.
- Contacting Coordinated School Health and the Operations Supervisor to confirm identification and next steps. Confirmation is provided to the school nurse and principal.
- If personal items appear infested, coats, backpacks, and other belongings can be sealed in large plastic bags for the parent or guardian to take home.
- If the student returns the next day, the school nurse will check them. If bed bugs are found again, the student is sent home for home treatment.
- Supports are available for families of students found to have bed bugs on them.

If a bed bug is found in a classroom, custodial staff thoroughly vacuum areas where student belongings are kept, using a vacuum with a disposable bag. The room is vacuumed the day the insect is found and at least weekly afterward. The vacuum bag is disposed of immediately after use.

Please know that there is no indication of an infestation at our school. Bed bugs are considered a nuisance, but not a public health threat.

Below are some recommended actions and tips for families:

- Check backpacks, jackets, and other items daily. If you see a suspect insect, place the item in a sealed plastic bag until it can be washed and dried on high heat.
- Wash and dry clothing and bedding on the hottest settings that are safe for the fabric. Heat is highly effective.
- If you think your child has been bitten, use simple first aid such as washing the area with soap and water. If you have concerns, contact your child's physician.
- If you find bed bugs in your home, we strongly recommend contacting a licensed pest management company for professional assistance.

It is important to note that bug infestations inside schools are highly unlikely. More commonly, a few bed bugs can be brought in on clothing or personal items such as backpacks. A few insects found do not mean there is an infestation at school.

We also recognize this situation can cause some concern. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Thank you for your partnership as we keep our school clean, healthy, and focused on learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Spangler', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Patrick Spangler
Bradley Central High School Principal