

School Guidelines for Lice

Live lice present:

Student must be sent home immediately. Parent/guardian must sign the Receipt of Information sheet upon pickup. Also, give parent/guardian a head lice checklist. All answers on the checklist must be YES prior to students return to school. Proof of treatment (bringing box top) must be provided and the student must be checked by the nurse before going to class. An adult must bring the student to school and stay until the student is rechecked by the nurse.

If nits are found on repeat inspection, the student must go home until all nits are removed from the hair.

Nits present (initial inspection):

The student does not have to leave school immediately when nits are found. They may return to class and finish the day.

The nurse will call the parent/guardian and inform them of the procedure. The head lice checklist will confidentially be sent home with the student. Follow the rest of the procedure as listed above.

For confidentiality purposes, we recommend the following steps be taken after 2-3 students are found with lice in the same classroom.

1. Classroom head checks may be performed when there are 2-3 students in the class who are diagnosed with lice and/or nits, or anytime at the discretion of the principal.
2. Lice prevention teaching may be given to classrooms with 2-3 students diagnosed with lice and/or nits. Teaching should be at the discretion of the principal, and be age appropriate.
3. A letter may be sent to the entire classroom when 2-3 students are found with lice and/or nits within a 2 week period. This should also be at the principal's discretion.