

SASD Head Lice Procedure

If a student is suspected of having head lice, the student shall be removed from the classroom as unobtrusively as possible for further inspection. The student may be inspected privately by the School Nurse, or by other trained building personnel designated by the principal in collaboration with the school nurse.

If a student is found to have head lice:

1. The parent/guardian will be notified and a plan for lice mitigation will be discussed. The student shall be allowed to return to the classroom for the remainder of the day if practical to do so.
2. While there is no medical reason to remove a child from school due to head lice, the student's parent/guardian may choose to take the student home before the end of the school day.
3. The student shall be readmitted when the school receives confirmation of treatment for head lice. Students will be re-inspected by the school nurse and/or principal's designee, upon return to school.
4. A student should not miss more than one day of school following head lice detection. Truancy laws will apply to students missing excessive amounts of school due to head lice infestations.
5. Students may be checked daily by the school nurse for signs of head lice. If the student is still experiencing symptoms of head lice after the initial treatment and second treatment, a referral to the local health department will be made by the school nurse. If after another 2 weeks signs of an infestation continue a referral to social services and/or a community service agency to assist families will be made to assist families with head lice removal.

Parents/guardians are requested to report to the school cases of head lice infestation that they discover at home. The school nurse, principal or principal's designee will determine what interventions are appropriate in the school setting. The District reserves the right to inspect other known household contacts (e. g., siblings) and close personal contacts attending school in an effort to stem outbreaks in other classes. However, seldom is inspecting an entire classroom or student body necessary or effective. The school nurse shall monitor environmental conditions and be responsible for making recommendations to decrease transmission of head lice.

We ask that if you are treating your student for lice at home you inform the school nurse, this allows us to notify the grade level so that all parents are reminded to continue to check their children. If you are treating your child for lice at home, there is a good chance someone else at school has lice - your child is not the only one!