

Head Lice

Per the student handbook:

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:

- a. The parent/guardian will be notified. The student shall be allowed to return to the classroom for the remainder of the day if practical to do so. The school nurse or principal designee will use the Robi-comb to comb live lice out of student's hair.
- b. 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.
- c. The student shall be readmitted when the school receives documentation of treatment for head lice. This may include, but is not limited to, a note from the parent stating the treatment used, or a treatment product bottle, box top, label, receipt, etc. Students will be re-inspected by the school nurse and/or principal's designee, upon return to school.
- d. 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.
- e. 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. The health department will educate the family and check into reasons why the infestation is continuing. A signed letter by the health department is then needed for re-admittance back to school. If after another 2 weeks signs of an infestation continue a referral to social services and/or a community service agency to assist family 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.