

HEAD LICE PROCEDURES

As isolated cases of head lice are discovered on a regular basis in the district, the following procedures will apply:

SCREENING:

Students are screened throughout the school year on teacher/parent referrals.

EXCLUSION FROM CLASSROOM:

Any student with live lice will be removed from the classroom and sent home for treatment immediately. Any student with only nits will be sent home for nit removal treatment at the end of the day. Written and oral instructions will be provided to the parent or guardian for the treatment of head lice and/or nits.

Students will be provided with 48 hours of informational absences for head lice treatment. Should additional days be needed for head lice treatment the district's attendance policy will be in effect.

RE-ADMISSION:

The student ***must*** be brought to the Health Room by the parent or guardian for re-examination by trained personnel prior to re-entry to school. Students will **only** be re-admitted if the student is free of live lice.

The student will be re-examined one week after re-admission.

CLASSROOM INFESTATION:

If there are three or more students in one classroom with nits and/or head lice within one week's period of time, a designated, trained employee will screen all students in the classroom.

If three or more students in one classroom are identified as having nits and/or head lice, all students in that classroom will receive a general letter educating the parent or guardian regarding identification and treatment of head lice.