

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Students found to have contracted head lice will be subject to the following procedures:

1. Suggested school measures for head lice control, as provided in Communicable Disease issued through the Oregon Department of Education.
2. Periodic head lice checks of students are not recommended; however screening recommendations are as follows:
 - a. Criteria for screening an individual for lice are:
 - (1) Persistent itching or scratching of the head
 - (2) Know exposure from a sibling or others with close contact with head lice
 - (3) Self referral (student or parent)
3. Students found to have contracted head lice will be not be excluded from school. The management of head lice should not interfere with the access to education. Head lice are known to not cause disease and transmission occurs primarily from head to head contact and infrequently through indirect contact with shared personal belongings. Students should be returned to class or school sponsored events and parents notified by the end of the day.
4. Treatment information, district policy requirements and treatment education will be provided to the parent. Parents will be provided education that covers:
 - a. Use a lice-killing agent that their health- care provider, local health authority has recommended on all family members who have symptoms of infestation;
 - b. Follow the personal and household cleaning instructions provided by the district, health- care provider or local health authority, as appropriate; and
 - c. Remove all nits after treatment.
5. Following treatment, the student may be readmitted to school. A parent must either accompany their student to school for assessment by nursing or office staff, or provide a signed statement that treatment has been initiated;
6. The student will be subject to screening by designated personnel to determine the treatment's effectiveness. The student will be readmitted to school as appropriate. The absence of live lice is required for re-admittance.

7. A student whom has been readmitted to school may be subject to follow-up screening by designated personnel.
8. The parent should contact their local health department in the event additional assistance and/or information is needed regarding the treatment of the student, other family members, close contacts and the home environment (e.g., bedding, linens, grooming equipment, etc.).
9. A student with persistent head lice may be referred for follow-up to the school's nurse or local health department , as appropriate; Persistent head lice requires concentrated efforts to address the treatment as well as the stress experienced by the student and family.
10. Parents that identify head lice on their student(s) at home and should complete treatment prior to the readmission of their student, as required above. Parents are also encouraged to notify the school of their student's condition so that appropriate preventative measures, follow up and education to student and families may be implemented.