

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

(Excludes students infested with either live lice or nits. Does not allow attendance of students with nits.)

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 “Health Services for the School Community” issued through the Oregon Department of Education will be followed;
2. Student head lice checks done periodically are not recommended. Screening recommendations are as follows:
 - a. Criteria for screening an individual for lice are: persistent itching or scratching, known exposure to sibling or other close contact with head lice (e.g., seat mate in classroom, locker partners, overnight sleep activities, scouts, etc.), self (student or parent) referral .
3. As provided by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-019-0010, students found to have contracted head lice will be excluded from school;
4. Treatment information, district policy requirements and readmittance provisions will be provided to the parent. Parents will be advised to:
 - a. Use a lice-killing agent which their health care provider, school nurse or local health authority recommends 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.
5. Following treatment, the student will be readmitted to school;
6. The student will be subject to screening by designated personnel to determine the treatment’s effectiveness. The student will be readmitted to school or denied admittance, as appropriate. In the event the student is not readmitted to school, parents will be notified;
7. Students readmitted will be subject to follow-up screening by designated personnel;
8. 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.), parents should contact their local health department;
9. Students with chronic head lice may be referred for follow-up to the school’s nurse;
10. Parents who identify head lice on their students at home are to 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 may be implemented at school.