

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

1. 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;
 - (2) Known exposure to sibling or other close contact with head lice (e.g., seat mate in classroom, locker partners, overnight sleep activities, scouts, etc.); or
 - (3) Self (student or parent) referral.
2. Treatment information will be provided to a parent. A parent will be advised to:
 - a. Use a lice-killing agent that a health care provider, school nurse or local health authority has recommended on all family members who are found to have live lice; and
 - b. Follow the personal and household cleaning instructions provided by the district, health care provider or local health authority, as appropriate.
3. Following treatment, the student may be readmitted to school.
4. The student may be subject to screening by designated personnel to determine the treatment's effectiveness. Appropriate intervention and prevention strategies may be offered as appropriate.
5. 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.).
6. A parent who identifies head lice on their student(s) at home should complete treatment prior to the readmission of their student.