

McMinnville School District #40

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Students with 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 “Health Services for the School Community” issued through the Oregon Department of Education will be followed.
2. School head lice checks will be performed by staff; as needed based on self-reported or staff recognized symptoms of live lice.
3. As provided by OAR 333-019-0315, students found to have contracted head lice will be excluded from school at the end of the school day in which live lice are found. School with siblings of the identified student will be contacted to determine if a screening is necessary.
4. Treatment information, district policy requirements and readmittance provisions will be provided to the parent. Parents will be advised to:
 - a. Use the medicated shampoo or other alternative treatments which their physician/pharmacist or other health care provider recommends on all family members who have head lice;
 - b. Follow the personal and household cleaning instructions provided by the district, physician or pharmacist, as appropriate;
 - c. Remove all nits after treatment.
5. Following treatment with a pediculicide (special shampoo for head lice) or approved alternative, the student will be readmitted to school.
6. Parents must either accompany their student to school for readmittance or provide a signed statement that a recognized treatment was initiated. A maximum of 2 days of excused absences will be allowed for the treatment and removal of live lice. If the parent feels additional time is necessary they must contact the Building Principal.
7. The student will be readmitted subject to screening by designated personnel. The student will be readmitted to school or denied admittance, as appropriate. In the event the student is not readmitted to school and must be sent home, the district will notify the parent by phone.
8. Students readmitted will be subject to follow-up screening by designated personnel based on the following schedule; Initial Check performed on day of return to school. A recheck will be performed on day 7 and a second recheck on day 14. If there are live lice present on any recheck the student will be excluded again. If there are still nits present on day 14 the student will be excluded from school until they are free of live lice or nits.
9. 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 (bedding, linens, grooming equipment, etc.), parents should contact their local health department.

10. Students with chronic head lice may be referred for follow-up to the school's nurse or local health department, as appropriate.
11. Families, who identify head lice on their students at home, are encouraged to notify the school so that appropriate preventative measures may be implemented at school.