

Milton-Freewater School District 7

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Communicable Diseases

Head Lice Prevention

Milton-Freewater Unified School District #7 recognizes that head lice infestation among school children continues to be a problem in this county. While head lice poses no serious health problem, they are highly contagious and are difficult to control. Consequently, the basis for the district to require a "nit free" policy.

Every attempt will be made by school personnel to identify students suspected of having head lice. The parent/guardian of any student having head lice will be notified immediately.

Any student having or suspected of having head lice shall be excluded from school attendance by the building administrator or designee. Before being re-admitted, the student will need to:

1. Complete Shampoo treatment.
2. Remove all nits.
3. Make an appointment with the school health designee to obtain a "Release to Return To School".
4. Provide school with proof of treatment at the time of appointment (example: box top of product used).

Any student showing evidence of repeated (twice in a school year) lice infestation may be excluded from school until such time as the local health department official or student's physician feels confident they no longer contagious. Parent or guardian will be responsible for any costs associated with obtaining the release form from the health department or physician.