

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

The South Wasco County School District maintains a lice free policy in regard to head lice protocols.

All live lice will be removed. Application of a lice-killing product is recommended. The manual removal of as many nits as possible and environmental cleaning is required.

All students infested with live lice shall be excluded from school until the measures outlined above have been completed.

The following inspection schedule will be instituted if a head lice infestation is suspected:

1. First Inspection
 - a. If live lice are present the student will be sent home with a parent and will be excluded until all live lice have been removed.
 - b. If only nits are present, the student will return to class and be rechecked by school staff in one week.

2. Second Inspection
 - a. If live lice are present the student will be excluded until all live lice have been removed.
 - b. If nits remain at this inspection, the student will be re-checked by school staff in one week.

3. Third Inspection
 - a. If live lice are present the student will be excluded until all live lice and nits have been removed.
 - b. If no live lice are found at this inspection the student will not be checked again unless another episode of infestation is reported.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure approved treatment has been initiated and the appropriate environmental cleaning is being conducted in the home.

The district will provide community education and/or resources to insure that the parents are able to comply with and understand their responsibilities under this policy.

At least once a year, all schools will communicate with families regarding prevention and treatment of head lice. In the event that three or more unrelated cases of live lice are diagnosed at a school within a two-week period, a letter will be sent home to parents of all students at the school.