

HEAD LICE PROCEDURES

Head Lice is a non-disease bearing public health nuisance. This nuisance can be very difficult to prevent and/or eradicate in the school setting without effective identification and treatment procedures. These control measures must include the school as well as the community. The District shall implement head lice control measures in accordance with the recommendations of the Rock County Health Department, using guidance from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Head lice control measures, found in the Emergency Nursing Manual located in the nurse's office of each building, shall be implemented as follows:

1. Staff members shall be alert for suspicious behaviors such as students scratching their heads repeatedly.
2. When a case of live head lice is identified, the student will not be segregated from others, but all efforts should be made to prevent the affected student from sharing clothing or making close physical contact with other individuals. The parent/guardian/legal custodian of the affected student must be contacted by phone by the health aide or designated school staff person. The parent/guardian/legal custodian may choose to pick up the child and treat during the school day, or the student may remain at school and complete treatment at home after school. A head lice checklist will be sent home with the student. A letter and checklist will be sent home with the student if the parent/guardian/legal custodian cannot be reached by phone. All other household members, enrolled as students, in the District shall be assessed for head lice.
3. Students identified with live lice may return to school after completing treatment and changing into clean clothes. Students must bring back the label/container of the lice product used to treat head lice to school and turn it in to the school health aide.
4. Names of all students identified with head lice will be listed on a school head lice log in the health office.
5. The affected student's head shall be rechecked in one week. If live lice are found again, step #2 above should be repeated. The parent/guardian/legal custodian must be called to notify them that live lice were found again. If the parent/guardian/legal custodian cannot be reached by phone, a letter stating, "During a re-screening examination..." shall be sent home with the child at the end of the day.
6. The school health aide/school nurse may contact parent/guardian/legal custodian of students being treated to determine the treatment method they are using as well as answer questions parent/guardian/legal custodian may have related to head lice and/or nits.
7. If three or more children in the same classroom are identified with live lice during the same week, a letter notifying parents of lice in the classroom will be sent home.
8. Students identified with head lice and/or nits three (3) times in one school year shall have their names referred to the school nurse/health department.

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