



**TREATMENT OF PEDICULOSIS –
COMMONLY KNOWN AS HEAD LICE**

The following guidelines will be followed when a student is found to have live head lice or untreated nits:

1. A student with active head lice (visible evidence of the bugs) or untreated nits will be sent home. Parents will be notified and the child will need to be picked up from school.
2. Students with active head lice and/or untreated nits will not be allowed to ride the bus home. Parents will need to make arrangements for their student to be picked up from school.
3. A student sent home with active lice and/or untreated nits must be checked by the nurse prior to going back to the classroom. Students who still have active lice and/or untreated nits will be sent home again. Students who are sent home because of untreated nits and/or active lice will be rechecked daily for one week after their return to class.
4. If the student's hair has been recently treated and the nits are more than one-quarter inch from the scalp, the student will be allowed to stay. The nurse will contact the parent to offer advice and suggestions regarding the treatment and follow up. Students will be checked within the next few days to examine for active bugs or untreated nits.
5. Letters are sent home with each student in a classroom at the elementary school when someone in that class is found to have head lice. This is not possible at the middle school or high school because of the number of classes that each student attends each day.
6. Parents are encouraged to contact the school nurse at each campus with questions and concerns about head lice. School personnel cannot share information about other children with parents/guardians. They may discuss your student's needs but may not discuss issues that concern other students.

For more information on head lice and the treatment of, see the following web sites:

Centers for Disease Control (<http://www.cdc.gov>) – good technical information
The National Pediculosis Association®, Inc. (<http://www.headlice.org>) – plenty of parent info and an irreverent kids area with games and animations – a good laugh may come in handy.