

**PROCEDURE FOR THE CONTROL & TREATMENT
OF HEAD LICE/NITS IN THE SCHOOL**

1. Any student who is suspected of having head lice shall be removed from the classroom as unobtrusively as possible to be screened. Head lice checks may be made periodically on any child as necessary during the school year. This may include classroom checks or all-school checks. Friends and siblings of infested students will be checked for head lice. Students with head lice or untreated nits shall not attend school.
2. If live lice or untreated nits are apparent:
 - A. The parent will be contacted by phone. The child will be excluded from school until adequate treatment has occurred. A student should usually not miss more than one day of school for the purpose of treatment.
 - B. Treatment of the student and the environment will be explained to the parent.
 - C. The head lice information packet will be given to the parent including: Head lice Treatment /Verification Checklist and Information regarding Head Lice.
 - D. Parents will be strongly encouraged to remove all nits after treatment with a lice shampoo.
 - E. The District may screen all students as needed.
3. Readmission to school:
 - A. The student will be checked by the District school nurse or his/her designee upon return to school, to be assured of treatment.
 - B. Presence of live lice will constitute exclusion, and treatment will be repeated. The student may remain in school if only nits are identified.
 - C. The District school nurse or his/her designee will check the student's head for live lice periodically, or until assured that the head is clear.
 - D. The School District may screen all students as needed.
 - E. Excessive absence from school may result in referral for suspected truancy.
4. School Environment:
 - A. The "Classroom Checklist for Lice" will be given to the classroom teacher and followed for those classrooms where detection of live lice occurred.
 - B. Notes for parents of all students in that classroom identified will be sent home with the students, explaining that lice has been discovered in their child's classroom and it will be the responsibility of the parent to check their own children. Instructions on how to check their own children for head lice will also be included with the note.

- C. The school nurse/designee may check the student, siblings and other contacts attending school in an effort to stem outbreaks in other classes. However, seldom is inspecting an entire classroom or student body justified. This is a costly, disruptive and often non-productive measure. If three or more students in the classroom are identified, this measure may be considered.