

Head Lice

None of the District's schools shall prohibit a student with a lice infestation from attending school except for cases when the infestation is live, defined as the presence of live lice or nits. In those cases, parents will be contacted and students will be sent home until the infestation is treated.

The District shall make an effort to assist in head lice prevention. Administration should issue guidance to parents on an annual basis on head lice screening techniques and prevention. The District may perform a head lice screening on any student exhibiting symptoms of a lice infestation and/or will notify the child's parent/guardian of the suspected infestation. The District may also perform a head lice screening on any student who has had head-to-head contact with an infested student.

Administration should issue information to classroom teachers on head lice symptoms and prevention. Upon learning that a student is infested with head lice, district staff members shall report this information to the building principal. The building principal shall work with affected teachers and other necessary district personnel (as determined by administration) to implement a plan to reduce head-to-head contact among students.

Reporting Infestations and Confidentiality

The Superintendent shall develop material and a protocol for informing the parent of a lice-infested student of the infestation and treatment methods. The District prohibits release of the infested student's personally identifiable information unless an exception applies under FERPA (e.g., release to educational officials with a legitimate need to know).

This confidentiality provision does not prohibit teachers or administrators from reporting suspected child abuse/neglect as required by law.