

## **Head Lice Procedures**

The school district maintains a “no live” head lice procedure in an effort to control the spread of lice among students. This procedure means children are sent home if live lice are found in their hair. A student cannot return to school until they are free of all live lice.

- 1) In the event that live lice are found, all siblings of the affected student will also be screened, including siblings at other buildings within the district. The parent/guardian will be notified.
- 2) When students are sent home, families will be provided with instructions for treatment.
- 3) To be readmitted to school, the student must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or relative to school and must be examined by the school nurse. Students are not permitted to ride a school bus until checked and cleared by the school nurse. With proper treatment, students are usually able to return to school within 24-48 hours.
- 4) If live lice are found at this examination, the student will be excluded from school for 24 hours to allow for additional treatment. This process will continue until the student is free of head lice.
- 5) A student, who was identified as having nits and lice, will be re-examined within seven (7) calendar days of the initial identification.

- 6) If this examination reveals nits or lice, the parent/guardian will again be instructed on treatment options. This process will repeat until the student is free of lice and nits.
  
- 7) When the school is notified by a family that a student has head lice, the student is checked when they return to the building. If a family does not notify the school, no check will occur.