

Pediculosis

As part of our health program, the school nurse will do periodic head checks for the presence of lice. The following procedure will be followed:

- 1) Once a student is identified as having lice, a parent will be notified either By phone, note, or home visit.
- 2) If live lice are noted, the parent shall pick up the student immediately so treatment can begin. If nits are noted, the student will be sent home at the end of the day. A letter will be sent home with the student explaining the treatment procedure.
- 3) It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to treat the child very promptly with a prescription or non-prescription lice shampoo before he/she may return to class.
- 4) In order to fully eliminate the lice, it is very important that the student's bed linens, towels, brushes, combs, scrunchies, ribbons, clothes, coats, furniture, and carpet be cleaned appropriately, as well. Medicated treatment should be repeated in 7 days to eliminate any nits that hatched since the first treatment, and nits pulled from the hair by hand or using a lice comb.
- 5) Truancy charges will be filed if the student is absent for more than three days due to lice, unless such absence was the result of medical complications arising from the lice infestation, and is properly documented by a practicing medical doctor.