

Head Lice Policy:

Student will be sent home from school immediately if they are checked and found to have head lice. The school policy is that a student is not to return for 24 hours, so the child has proper treatment and is lice/nit free. Upon returning to school, a parent must accompany the child, and they will be checked again at that time prior to their release to class.

Treatment:

Hair must be treated with over the counter lotions and shampoos for head lice or a doctor can give a prescription for stronger medication.

An important part of treatment is removing the eggs (nits). Certain products make the nits easier to remove. Some dishwashing detergents can help dissolve the "glue" that makes the nits stick to the hair shaft.

- You can remove the eggs with a nit comb. Before doing this, rub olive oil in the hair or run the metal comb through beeswax. This helps make the nits easier to remove.
- Metal combs with very fine teeth are stronger and more effective than plastic nit combs. These metal combs are easier to find in pet stores or on the Internet than in pharmacies.
- Removing eggs may prevent the lice from returning if the medication fails to kill every one of them.
- Treat children and adults with lice promptly and thoroughly.
- Wash all clothes and bed linens in hot water with detergent. This also helps prevent head lice from spreading to others during the short period when head lice can survive off the human body.
- Repeat combing for nits in 7-10 days.
- If all the nits are not removed they will develop new eggs.

Temperature:

Normally students are sent home with a fever over 100 degrees F. Before a student returns to school the fever needs to be gone for 24 hours **without** fever suppressants. With the flu season here we have been sending children home with temperatures at 99.3 and higher. When a student comes to the nurse's station with a low grade fever they rest for 30minutes and if the fever gets higher they are sent home.