

HEAD LICE

The following procedure will be used for control of pediculosis (head lice):

1. The school nurse or trained staff member will check students for lice or nits as needed based on symptoms.
2. Students with live head lice OR viable nits (those a half-inch or closer to the scalp), visualized by the school nurse or other trained designee, will be referred for treatment at the end of the school day. Parent/guardian will be called, student may ride the bus home. Prompt treatment at home will be advised, including removal of live lice and all viable nits. Family/household members will be recommended to be checked/treated as well.
3. Recommendations for treatment will follow current standards of evidence-based practice as recommended by the Spokane Regional Health District.
4. Following treatment, the student will be rechecked before returning to the classroom. Parent/Guardian will sign and return the letter sent home that lice have been treated at home. If no live lice or viable nits are found, the student may be readmitted to school.
5. If ANY nits are found at the time of either the initial or return check, the student will be rechecked in 1 week or at the discretion of the school nurse after an individualized assessment of the student.
6. Students with nonviable nits will be monitored, not be referred for treatment, and may remain at school.
7. If no lice or nits are found, but the parent or child reports he or she has recently been treated for lice, the child will be checked again in 7-10 days.
8. Household members and close playmates of the student in the school district with lice will also be checked. Parent will be informed if their child has lice. Parents will NOT be informed of other children who have lice in school.

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School District: Mary Walker School District
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