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Prevention/Control of Head Lice in Schools

School personnel shall actively pursue the prevention and control of head lice in the District's schools by developing a consistent education, screening and follow-up program for all students.

Principals and school personnel trained to identify live lice and nit infestations shall adhere to the following guidelines:

1. When ~~a~~ students ~~is~~ are observed/reported to have live head lice and/or a nit infestation any time during the school year:
 - ~~a. The student with the suspected active case of live head lice will be re-screened by the school nurse, FRYSC personnel, or designated school personnel and if confirmed, the parent or designee will be notified to immediately pick them up from the school.~~
 - ~~b. In preschool through 5th grade, the entire class that has had contact with the student with live head lice will be checked for lice infestation by the classroom teacher.~~
 - ~~c. Parents of each student within that class will be sent a Notice of Exposure to Head Lice or Nits which includes information on the home screening process and general information about head lice.~~
 - ~~d. Middle and high school students will be checked by designated school personnel if a referral call is made and step (a) is followed.~~
 - ~~a. Playmates closely associated with the student and possibly siblings of the student that attend the same school may be checked for nit infestations and/or live lice, which are defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as crawling lice. In general, classroom or school-wide checks are not necessary.~~
 - ~~b. Parents/guardians of each student identified as having live lice will be contacted by a school/District representative advising them of the finding.~~
2. Principals or school/District personnel shall offer parents/guardians of students infected students identified as having live lice and/or nit infestations:
 - ~~a. If possible, visual evidence of live lice in the student's hair.~~
 - ~~b. An Exclusion from School for Head Lice letter and a Head Lice Action Packet as well as verbal instructions of what is required to return to school.~~
 - ~~a. Visual evidence of live lice and/or nit infestations in the student's hair.~~
 - ~~b. Verbal and/or written information (Head Lice Action Packet)/direction for hair treatment and household procedures.~~
3. Students may return to school when~~In most cases, but at the discretion of the school nurse or school administrator, students should not be excluded from school. However, in all instances when personnel identify live lice and/or nit infestations, they shall confirm with the student and/or parent/guardian that the following have occurred:~~
 - ~~a. One (1) application of a special lice-killing shampoo or accepted alternative: i.e., olive oil, mineral oil and vinegar, or mayonnaise has been applied to the student's hair and combing with an actual nit/lice comb in addition to manual removal with fingernails of all nits on the same day and no later than the next day.~~

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- ~~b. Parents/designee shall transport the student to school after completion of application of lice shampoo or alternative treatment and nit removal. The student will be rechecked by designated school personnel. If no live lice are found, the student may return to class.~~
- ~~c. If live lice are still visible, the student is sent home and steps (a) and (b) are repeated.~~
- ~~d. After the 3rd occurrence of live head lice in a school year and/or truancy becomes an issue, a referral is made to FRYSC for a conference.~~
- ~~b. The parent/guardian has combed the student's hair with an actual lice/nit comb or applied special lice killing shampoo on the same or next day.~~
- ~~c. When the student returns to school after treatment, designated school personnel rechecked the student before s/he returned to the classroom. If live lice and/or nit infestations remained, steps two (2) and three (3) above were re-established.~~
- 4. Students found with lice "nits" will be allowed to remain at school. The following steps shall be followed. School personnel shall follow up with students found with a second and subsequent case of live head lice and/or nit infestations to assure that:
 - ~~a. Parent/guardian of the student will be sent home a School Notice of Nits Only letter and Head Lice Action Packet.~~
 - ~~b. The designated school personnel will recheck the student in five (5) to seven (7) days.~~
 - ~~c. If nits are still found, repeat step (a) and (b). If after fourteen (14) days (second check) nits are still found, a call to the parent/guardian is made by the school nurse or FRYSC personnel.~~
 - ~~d. After the 3rd occurrence of live head lice in a school year and/or truancy becomes an issue, a referral is made to FRYSC for a conference.~~
 - ~~a. Prescribed medical treatment for live lice has been applied to the student's hair no later than the next day.~~
 - ~~b. Any second application required is applied within the recommended time frame.~~
- 5. Students found with repeat nit infestations and or live head lice shall:
 - ~~a. Be reported to appropriate school personnel such as FRYSC and/or school nurse for outreach to parents/guardians.~~
- 5-6. The Superintendent/designee shall:
 - a. Establish education/information programs on head lice control methods for school personnel, community members, students and parents/guardians.
 - b. Provide each school with written materials on head lice control and prevention.

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