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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 **shall adhere to the following:**

1. When students are observed/reported to have live head lice any time during the school year:
   1. Playmates closely associated with the student and possibly siblings of the student that attend the same school may be checked for live lice, which are defined by the Center for Disease Control as crawling lice. In general, school-wide checks are not necessary.
   2. Parents of each student identified as having live lice will be contacted by a school/District representative advising them of the finding. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to check their child for lice/nits.
2. Principals or school/District personnel shall offer parents of students identified as having live lice:
   1. Visual evidence of live lice in the student’s hair.
   2. Verbal and/or written information regarding hair treatment and household procedures.
3. In most cases, students should not be excluded from school. However, in all instances when personnel identify live lice, they shall confirm with the student and/or parent/guardian that the following have occurred.
   1. 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.
   2. When the student returns to school after treatment, designated school personnel rechecked the student before s/he returned to the classroom. If live lice remained, steps 2 and 3 above were re-established.
   3. The school nurse or designee will be available to check your child’s hair for readmission between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM only. The only exception is afternoon kindergarten.
4. School personnel shall follow up with students found with a second and subsequent cases of live head lice to assure that:
   1. Prescribed medical treatment for live lice has been applied to the student’s hair no later than the next day.
   2. Any second application required is applied within the recommended time frame.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

An examination of your child’s hair was done at school and s/he has live head lice. You should treat your child’s hair with the proper treatment and carefully remove all live lice and nits. It is necessary to use both the treatment comb and your fingers, as the combs may not be 100% effective for removal.

The school nurse or designee will be available to check your child’s hair for readmission between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM only. The only exception is afternoon kindergarten.

The parent or guardian must accompany his/her child to school to be re-checked. If the problem still exists, the school nurse or designee will work with parent or guardian on next steps.

Please remember that we have the best interest of your child in mind and that regular school attendance without discomfort or distraction is critical to educational success.

If you have any questions or are in need of further information, please call the school nurse or the Family Resource–Youth Services Center at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

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 *School Nurse*

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