

Pediculosis

1. When head lice (pediculosis) is suspected, the teacher will be instructed to send a particular student, or if necessary, their whole class to the health office for pediculosis screening.
2. Screening will be completed by the certified school nurse in a confidential setting.
3. If several students in a particular classroom have been found to have active head lice, the cleaning staff will be notified. The room will be thoroughly cleaned and vacuumed after school hours.
4. Children with head lice/nits (eggs closer than an inch from the scalp) found by the certified school nurse, should be taken home by parent, guardian or care taker and treatment started immediately. Infested children should be treated twice. The interval between treatment should be 7 to days. Students may not return to school until the a.m. after he or she has been treated with one of the approved pediculicides (A-200, RID, R & C shampoo, Cuprex or Kewell for example.) An instruction letter will be provided and any questions pertaining to this problem answered at this time.
5. Students should be readmitted to school the morning after the first treatment. If at all possible, an adult should accompany the student to school on the first readmission day after treatment.
6. On the morning of readmission the student must report directly to the certified school nurse for reexamination. The certified school nurse will allow readmission if the head check reveals no live lice.
7. If nits are still present, the parent or guardian will be notified and advised to remove all nits. The certified school nurse will monitor the student through daily head checks to ensure this is being done.

Guidelines: National Pediculosis Association
 Pennsylvania State School Health Guidelines