

USD 383 District Guidelines for Lice Control

Students with live lice will be excluded from school. Parents will be notified upon discovery of the live lice. This will be done in a confidential manner with consideration for the student's privacy and the issue of lice. Students may remain at school in the classroom for the remainder of the school day with the provision that they begin treatment prior to returning to school the next day.

Students may return the next day upon completion of an approved treatment. Approved treatments include treatment with a pediculocide or treatment approved by a doctor. Nurses may request that parent bring in a treatment label or note from the doctor with the prescribed treatment.

As per Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) regulations and guidelines, students may return to school with nits. Nit free is not a requirement to attend school.

As per Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) regulations and guidelines, the entire class will not be checked for head lice. Class checks will be completed when a cluster of cases is found or at the nurse's discretion. A cluster is defined as 3-5 cases of head lice in the same classroom within a two week time period.

Any parent may request a private head lice check for their child or family members from the school nurse at any time.

Information about head lice will be distributed to parents when cases have been confirmed. This includes the following:

- a. A letter will be sent home with students in the class when a cluster (see above definition of a cluster) of head lice cases has been confirmed. (Attachment A)
- b. Information on treating the infected person(s) and other supplemental measures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
<https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html> (Attachment B)
- c. Information to the website for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) located on the Attachment B: http://www.kdheks.gov/c-f/head_lice.htm.

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