

**Pediculosis (Head Lice)**

(Excludes students with live lice only. Allows attendance of students with nits.)

As provided by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-019-0010, students found to have contracted head lice will be excluded from school at the discretion of the local school or health district. The presence of nits (lice eggs) only is not considered excludable.

Information about head lice shall be sent home to all parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year and may be sent home periodically throughout the school year.

Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice.

School employees who find a student they believe to have contracted head lice, will be subject to the following procedure:

1. School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee;
2. The school nurse or designee shall examine the student;
3. If live (crawling) lice are found on the hair, the parent/guardian shall be notified by the end of the day via phone, email and/or a note sent home with the student, along with information materials and a "lice kit". The school nurse or designee may notify parents/guardians in the affected classroom to encourage them to check their children and to treat, if appropriate, and/or examine other students most likely to have direct head to head contact with the affected student;
4. The parent/guardian of the affected student shall be provided information on the methods to eliminate infestation. Treatment information, district policy requirements and readmittance provisions will be provided to the parent.

Parents/guardians will be encouraged to verify treatment with the school nurse or designee as soon as possible after notification. If the parent/guardian is unable to afford treatment, the student will be referred to the district nurse.

Following treatment, the parents/guardians are encouraged to notify the school of their student's condition so that appropriate preventative measures may be implemented at school;

5. Following treatment the student will be readmitted to school;
6. Parents will notify the school that treatment has occurred;
7. The student will be subject to screening by designated personnel to determine the treatment's effectiveness. The student will be readmitted to school or denied admittance, as appropriate. The

absence of nits is not required for readmittance. In the event the student is not readmitted to school because of the continued presence of live lice, parents/guardians will be notified;

8. Students readmitted may be subject to follow-up screening by designated personnel. Affected students shall be discouraged from head to head contact with other students. The school nurse or designee shall provide in-service education to staff regarding how to handle nits and/or lice in the classroom;
9. In the event additional assistance and/or information is needed regarding the treatment of the student, other family members, close contacts and the home environment (e.g., bedding, linens, grooming equipment, etc.), parents should contact the district nurse or their local health department;
10. Students with chronic head lice may be referred for follow-up to the school's nurse or local health department, as appropriate;
11. Parents/Guardians who identify head lice on their students at home are to complete treatment prior to the readmission of their student, as required above. Parents are also encouraged to notify the school of their student's condition.