

STUDENT PERSONNEL

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Policy Title: Head Lice

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Screening is a process by which a large number of students are examined by a fast, efficient method in order to identify those who may have live head lice. This screening requires a close visual examination of the individual's head for crawling lice and nits (eggs). A school screening may not detect live lice even if they are present.

Nits and Eggs

A student identified with only nits (eggs) will be required to begin the removal of the nits and also be provided with the following educational material:

- Head Lice Treatment With Steps for Successful Nit Removal
- Head Lice Facts Sheet

The presence of nits is not cause to indicate absence from school.

Screening for head Lice

When deemed necessary by the principal, all students in an elementary school may be screened early in the school year. If so, it will be the responsibility of the elementary building principal, in consultation with the building's school nurse, to determine the date and time of a school screening. The building principal will designate school personnel that will assist with the screening. Health personnel from other health agencies may be utilized also to assist with the screening. Though school screenings are well intended, they are generally ineffective. Head lice may be present in buildings at any time of the year.

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Live Head Lice

By policy, a student identified with live lice will be allowed to stay in school for the remainder of the school day with the requirement that treatment will begin before returning to school. The student will continue to participate in regular classroom and academic programming. Educational materials will be provided to the parent(s)/guardian(s) whose child(ren) has/have been identified with live head lice. Those materials are as follows:

- Head Lice Control Checklist
- Head Lice Treatment With Steps for Successful Nit Removal
- Head Lice Facts Sheet

Treatment Required

The parents/guardian need to confirm in writing that treatment has begun before students can be accepted back in class.

When the occurrence of head lice becomes chronic, the Building Social Health Team will be notified. That team may recommend further action, such as a home visit.

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Head Lice Control Checklist
Sioux City Community School District

Dear Parent/Guardian of _____ Date Sent Home _____

It was discovered today at school that your child has head lice. Head lice are small insects that are frequently found among children. Though unpleasant, they are not a life-threatening issue. But they do require treatment. Check each item below after each is completed. Please read the attached information on head lice.

- ____ 1. I have started the two-week process of daily use of an ordinary shampoo followed by an ordinary cream rinse/conditioner and combing of the wet hair for 15 minutes.

You are encouraged to consult your child's pharmacist and/or doctor about the use of medicated lice shampoos as part of the two-week treatment of ordinary shampooing and conditioning.

- ____ 2. I have begun the removal of the nits (eggs). *I understand that this is the key to stopping the spread of head lice.*

Nits may be removed by sliding the nits off the hair shaft with fingernails, or with a very fine-tooth regular comb or a special nit comb. Dispose of the nits and lice in a sealed plastic bag and place in the outside trash. Do not drop them on the floor.

- ____ 3. I have washed the combs and brushes in hot water.

- ____ 4. All persons living in the home have been checked for lice and nits.

Continue to shampoo with ordinary shampoo, use ordinary conditioner/cream rinse, and check for nits and lice every day for two weeks and weekly after that.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Return this form when your child returns to school; we cannot accept a child back to class without it.

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-----Do Not Write Below This Line----To Be Completed by School Staff-----

Date Received At School _____

Staff Member Receiving the Checklist _____

Other Information _____

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