

Head Lice in School

ISD 622 lice procedure currently states that students who are found to have live lice must be sent home for treatment. Students must be checked upon re-entry by the building nurse. If nits are found, the student may remain in school and parents/guardians will be notified. A "Lice Letter" will be sent home if three (3) or more students are identified as having lice in a single classroom.

Lice is possible any time of the year and is most commonly found among pre-school and elementary school children. They travel by crawling and they cannot jump or fly. It spreads from direct contact with the hair or clothing such as hats, scarves, and coats of someone who has live lice. It is important to know that school and home cleanliness does not affect or decrease the risk of getting lice, in fact, they prefer a clean scalp.

To help prevent the spread of lice, encourage your child to:

- avoid head-to-head contact during play and other activities
- avoid sharing clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, and hair accessories
- avoid sharing combs, brushes, or towels

Checking your child's hair regularly can prevent the spread of lice as well. If you identify lice or nits in your child's hair, please notify your school health office.

We have pamphlets that provide information on lice and treatment options for the removal of lice and nits in the home. If you are interested in these materials or have additional questions, please contact your school health office.