

STUDENTS

Control of Head Lice

When a child is scratching their head or the teacher-school employee feels a child's head may have lice, they can be sent to the office for a head check. If lice or nits are found the student's siblings, classmates, or the entire school may be checked. Upon detection of head lice, the student's parent or guardian should be asked to come to school and take the student home. When the parent arrives, the appearance and location of nits on the student's head should be demonstrated to the parent. This serves two purposes:

1. It clearly demonstrates that the student is infested.
2. Seeing what a nit or louse looks like will enable the parent to examine other family members for evidence of infestation.

If a parent cannot come to the school to take the student home, the student will be sent home with a note of explanation and a phone call made to inform the parent. The note will define the problem, offer methods of disinfecting, request that other family members should be examined for head lice and treated simultaneously if they are found infested, and state the student may return to school after treatment is initiated and nits removed.

After nits or found, the student may not ride a bus to school. When the parent has treated the child and removed all nits, the parent or designated adult must accompany the child to school. A school representative will examine the child, and if they are free of nits they will return to class and be allowed bus riding privileges.

Approved by: Loon Lake School District
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