

HEAD LICE PROCEDURES**FFAA-R****Screening**

Children shall be screened by the school nurse with consideration for privacy and confidentiality. Dumas ISD will not conduct mass screenings unless there are two or more active cases in the same classroom within the same week. When a student is suspected of having head lice or the teacher notices excessive head scratching, the school nurse shall inspect the child. When live lice are found, the school nurses shall check the student's household siblings that are students of Dumas ISD. A parent can call and request that their child be checked, but they cannot request that another child be checked.

Notification

Letters shall be sent to the parents of students with active infestations within 48 hours. Also, notification will be sent to the parents of elementary students in the same class as the child with lice no later than five (5) school days after the date on which the nurse, determines or becomes aware of the fact. Notices will include recommendations of the CDC for treatment and prevention of lice. Notices can be found at the end of this regulation.

Exclusion from class and Readmission:

The child may return to school the following school day, after treatment and if there are no live lice found by the school nurse. The student must check in with the school nurse before returning to class. Students are allowed 3 absences due to head lice within a school year that will be documented absences from the school nurse. All absences in excess of 3 within a school year due to head lice will be unexcused unless documented with a parent note.

Chronic and repeated cases:

If a chronic, untreated infestation persists, a child may be sent home from school until treated.

- If students are referred with chronic or repeated cases of head lice (three separate occurrences), the school nurse or campus administrator may require that the student be lice & nit free before being readmitted to class.
- A mandatory meeting may be held with parent, school nurse, and campus administrator to discuss the best outcome of the student.
- Readmission to class will require student to be accompanied by parent/guardian for an examination by the school nurse. If the student meets requirements, they will be able to return to class.

Dumas ISD Health Services

Date:

Re: Head Lice Notification

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This note serves as notification that a student in your child's class has been identified to have lice. Senate Bill 1566 was passed during the Legislative session 2017 to require the school to notify parents of a classroom occurrence of lice. Head lice, although not an illness or a disease, is very common among children and is spread through head-to-head contact during play, sports and when children share items like combs, hats, brushes, and headphones.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics, children diagnosed with live head lice do not need to be sent home early from school; they can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after appropriate treatment has been done.

Recommendations for parents:

1. Check your child's hair daily. If you find lice treat your child and any children who share rooms or beds in the house. In addition, the sheets and clothes must be washed in hot water. Stuffed animals or other items which cannot be washed should be bagged for 48 hours. Please let the school nurse know if you become aware of lice.
2. Follow treatment guidelines, available on the attached guideline.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can be utilized as a resource for treatment and prevention of lice. Treatment options can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html> and prevention tips at <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/prevent.html>.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

Nurse -

Nurse email -

Nurse phone -

Dumas ISD Health Services

Date: _____

Re: Head Lice Notification

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In examining your child's hair, the nurse found head lice. Head lice, although not an illness or a disease, is very common among children and is spread through head-to-head contact during play, sports and when children share things like combs, hats, brushes, and headphones.

Please treat your child this evening prior to returning to school tomorrow. Treatment information can be found on the attached Prevention and Treatment of Head Lice Sheet. It is recommended that all clothing, bed linens, and other items worn within 2 days before treatment be treated. It is also recommended that household members be checked and treated the same day.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics, children diagnosed with live head lice do not need to be sent home early from school; they can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after appropriate treatment has been done. All nits (eggs) must be removed from hair and student must check in with school nurse when they return to school before going to class.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

Nurse _____

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