

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS (HEAD LICE)

HEAD LICE POLICY

Gore School District adheres to the Oklahoma State Department of Health's guidelines for control of active infestation of head lice that require of effective treatment of live lice or nits located within one-half inch of the scalp. This policy does not require removal of all nits from the hair in for a student to return to school after initial exclusion for head lice.

HEAD LICE PROCEDURE

BUILDING PRINCIPAL AND/OR DESIGNATED BUILDING PERSONNEL WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCING THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

1. Identify and temporarily exclude only those students with an 'active infestation' of head lice (i.e., live lice and/or nits found within one-half inch from the scalp). The regulation applies if the infestation is identified by school personnel, parents, or guardians.
2. Contact student's parent(s). Identify the problem and explain the recommended treatment guidelines. Interpret the school health policy and temporarily exclude the student from school until he/she has been adequately treated.

The 'Head Lice' letter is to be given to the parent or sent home with the student.

3. Screen all close contacts to include:
 - A. Siblings
 - B. All students in his/her classroom
 - C. Best friends
 - D. Playmates
 - E. Car pool and bus partners
 - F. Baby-sifter and day-care center contacts
4. Re-admittance to school requires a clearance slip from the City-County Health Department, a physician stating, "The student has been adequately treated and appears to be free of all live lice." OR THE SCHOOL NURSE.
5. Seven to ten calendar days after the initial treatment, the parent must re-shampoo the hair of the infested student with a pediculicide. (This instruction is given in the Head Lice Letter.)

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6. Seven to ten calendar days after the initial treatment, a second clearance must be obtained from the City-County Health Department of Health or a physician stating “there is evidence of a second shampoo, appears to be free of live lice, and nits are more than one-half inch from the scalp” OR SCHOOL NURSE.
7. If a second clearance is not received by the eleventh day after the initial treatment, the student must be temporarily excluded until this clearance is obtained.
8. Repeated student infestation should be reported to DHS.

Upon reentry to the school, the parent must bring the student in for examination by school nurse or designee. If any nits, lice, dead or alive are seen, the student will be denied re entry until all signs are removed. Each additional day of non attendance will be recorded as an absence and counted toward the 90% attendance rule.

A school nurse is available for confirmation of head lice symptoms if building personnel have a case in question.