



ROCKDALE

Independent School District

Dear Parents:

Head lice have become more and more of a problem over the last few years. Control of head lice depends on prompt diagnosis and effective treatment. Your help in inspecting your child at least weekly throughout the school year for the presence of head lice would be greatly appreciated.

We suggest the following procedure for inspecting your child for head lice:

1. Under bright light begin looking at the back of the head just above the neck area.
2. Part the hair section by section and look closely for head lice or nits (eggs). Eggs will usually be located near the scalp.
3. Depending on the length and thickness of the hair, it should take between 5 and 15 minutes to properly inspect a child's head.

If you suspect your child is infested with head lice, please notify the school nurse. In addition, the entire family should be inspected for head lice as well. For information on how to treat your child's head lice infestation consult your family physician, a local pharmacist, or feel free to contact your child's school nurse for recommendations.

When live bugs are found on a child's head at school, the child will be removed from class and the parent will be notified to come get the child for treatment. Students must be checked by the school nurse before returning to class.

Students who have evidence of head lice for **three consecutive days or live lice greater than two times within 3 months** will require additional action to return to school. A separate letter will be sent in those situations.

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