CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
HEALTH GUIDELINES

LICE CONTROL

The Cherokee County School District has established the following guidelines in order to prevent the spread of lice to uninfested students. These guidelines have been established to protect the health of the entire student population as well as to protect the feeling and emotional well-being of identified students.

1. Students identified as having an active infestation of lice will be handled in a discreet and sensitive manner at all times.
2. Any student identified with lice will be isolated from uninfested students. Attempts will be made to contact parents to pick up the child for immediate treatment.
3. Parents will be informed that the child may not return to school until either:
   a. The child's hair has been treated so that there are no longer lice or eggs(nits) present, or
   b. The parents provide a written statement from a physician or the Health Department verifying that the child is no longer contagious.
4. All treated students will be rechecked upon their return, even if they present a letter of clearance. Obviously, if any live lice are found, the verification procedure will begin again.
5. Parents who continue to send their children to school without following the prescribed treatment procedures or who fail to send their children back to school treated in a reasonable amount of time will be referred to the proper authorities. Children sent to school in violation of this guideline will be liable for prosecution for criminal trespass.