

HEAD LICE

The Freeman School District recognizes that lice are a common occurrence. However, lice are a nuisance and can be detrimental to a student's academic environment. Staff may refer to the Washington State Infectious Disease Guide for guidance in eliminating active infestations and preventing future infestations. If live lice are found on a student, they will be sent home immediately and unable to return until treated and staff has verified that no live lice are present. Viable nits (found $\frac{1}{4}$ inch or less from scalp on hair shaft) will necessitate the student going home at the end of the day for treatment. Staff verification of being viable nit free is necessary for student to return to school. If egg cases (eggs that have already hatched) are found or are greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from scalp on the hair shaft, the student may remain in school but parents will be notified to "pick" the egg cases off of hair and staff will check progress when student returns. If progress is not evident, parents may receive a notification for possible exclusion from school until progress is verified by school staff.

Legal References:

WAC 246.110.010 K Pediculosis
RCW 28A.210.010 No Nit

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