

Head Lice Guidelines

Mackay School District #182

Mackay School District No. 182 is to maintain a student and teacher environment free of conditions in which disease or disease producing organism or animals can exist or be transmitted from one individual to another. To properly fulfill this obligation, the district requires any student to be sent home who has unhealthy personal problems (disease or diseased condition) and to be checked by qualified medical or appropriate school personnel before readmitted to school.

Should the condition involve head lice, the following procedure will be followed:

1. If parents know or are treating their child for head lice they are to notify the school.
2. When a child is found to be infested, he or she will be sent home with a letter of instructions from the CDC website.
3. Before readmission to the school, the child must be inspected by a public health representative, doctor, nurse, or school district employee and be declared “nit-free,” and will be checked by school personnel seven (7) days after date of treatment. In situations where a student has a chronic head lice problem, the school may need to contact the family, possibly making a home visit to instruct them on appropriate treatment.
4. If the condition recurs or persists after the second treatment is completed, parents should contact the health department. The appropriate school official shall follow-up should the child be absent from school more than three (3) days as a result of the situation.
5. If several cases are discovered, the unaffected children will be provided a letter of information to take home. The designated building personnel will, upon the advice of a public health representative, examine the class and/or others they suspect as being infested.
6. A record of students discovered with head lice should be kept to ensure proper follow-up and to identify chronic problems. Name, date, teacher, date sent home, day readmitted to school, and date rechecked should be included.
7. Decisions involving exclusion from school will be made by school personnel. Public health nurses may be consulted for recommendations.