

(Updated 2013/2014 school year)

PEDICULOSIS (Head Lice)

Tenafly Protocol for Cases of Pediculosis

Parent will be notified of a student found with live lice and will be sent home for treatment. The parent is instructed on how to kill head lice, remove the eggs and treat the environment. Once the student has been treated he/she shall be rechecked weekly for 3 weeks by the school nurse. A letter is sent home to all effected class parents that a case of head lice has been found and to ask them to check their children's hair.

RE-ADMISSION TO SCHOOL: A child may return to school after receiving the recommended treatment at home with the following school requirements:

1. The parent/guardian must notify the school nurse that treatment was given.
2. The child will be re-examined the day he/she returns to school. If any live lice are found, parent will be notified.
3. The entire grade or class will not be checked; however, other children who have had close contact with the student, including siblings in other district schools, will be screened by the nurse as appropriate.
4. The custodial staff is notified and a thorough cleaning of the classroom is completed, as appropriate.
5. Parents/guardians are encouraged to check their child's head on a regular basis following the initial phase of the treatment.
6. Noncompliant cases will be addressed by the administration in conjunction with the school physician.

For more information on this topic, please view the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

