

HEAD LICE/NITS

Schools serve as a focal point for the transmission of head lice because they bring large numbers of children into close daily contact. Control depends upon prompt case finding, proper handling of each case, and effective treatment.

The following guidelines have been developed for the treatment of head lice and/or nits (egg of the louse) in the Granton School District. Any student found to have head lice or head nits will be sent home from school for treatment in accordance with the guidelines.

1. When a student is found to have had lice or nits, the parent/guardian and/or the listed emergency contact on the student's emergency record will be contacted so that he/she can come for the student. If the parent/guardian has no phone, the principal or designee will transport the student, after the parent/guardian is notified. The student will not ride the bus.
2. Written information on the treatment of head lice shall be given to the student's parent/guardian to administer the treatment. If required by the product used, the treatment shall be repeated in seven to ten days.
3. A no-nit policy will be in effect in the district. A student found to have head nits will be sent home. Products that can be used for not removal are available from the pharmacy. Parents/guardians may wish to check with their pharmacist, school nurse or doctor for more information.
4. The student's parent/guardian must return the signed head lice treatment form and the box from the lice shampoo that was used.
5. The student may return to school on the same day he/she received treatment providing that ALL nits have been removed and the appropriate documentation has been completed and returned to the school. Documentation of a second treatment may be required depending on the product used.
6. The student will be checked by the school nurse or designee upon the student's return to school to be assured of treatment (no live lice or nits). The student shall be checked again in 10-14 days.
7. Children cannot return to school until treatment has been administered, documentation received and all nits have been removed. Documentation will need to be received on a second treatment, if a second treatment is required.
8. Notification of detection of head lice will be sent to the parents of fellow classmates.

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References: