

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 will be contacted. The corresponding classroom and siblings will be screened for head lice and/or nits. Notification of detection of head lice will be sent to the parents of fellow classmates only if more than one student within a classroom is found to have lice and/or nits.
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. Products that can be used for nit removal are available from the pharmacy. Parents/guardians may wish to check with their pharmacist, school nurse or doctor for more information.
3. The student may return to school if he/she received treatment. Documentation of a second treatment may be required depending on the product used.
4. The student will be checked by the school nurse or designee upon the student's return to school on a daily basis until no live lice and/or nits are found.
5. The student's parent/guardian may be asked to return the signed head lice treatment form and the box from the lice shampoo that was used if live lice or nits are continually found after the 10-14 day monitoring window. Parent education may also be necessary for a student to return to school if lice and/or nits issues persist.

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References: