

## **HEAD LICE**

Whenever a student is found to be infested with live and visible head lice OR nits are seen within  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch of the scalp, s/he is to be sent home for treatment and not readmitted until it is confirmed that the child has no live and active lice/nits.

Students who have been sent home with head lice must be brought back to school by the parent/guardian and checked by the School Nurse, or designated school personnel, in order to re-enter school. If the parent/guardian is unavailable to do so, the parent/guardian may designate another adult to bring the student to school. The student should not ride the bus to school until s/he has been checked by the School Nurse and found to be free of the active infestation

While head lice are a nuisance, they do not spread disease, and are not a public health problem. Should a case of head lice be brought to the school's attention, the School Nurse will: maintain confidentiality at school, verify the presence of an active infestation, and notify the student's parent/guardian. The School Nurse, with the support of the building principal, will educate parents, students, and school staff about head lice identification, treatment, and prevention.