

WPS Procedural Guidelines for Head Lice
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The following guidelines are in place to better control a nuisance condition, reduce absenteeism due to head lice, and involve parents as partners with the school in control efforts:

1. A child who has head lice nits (eggs), as determined by the school nurse or other designated staff, will be allowed to remain at school.
 - a. Parents of the child with lice nits will be contacted and the school nurse will provide written treatment information and instructions, including how to check for and identify head lice and nits.
2. A child having live head lice, as determined by the school nurse or a building principal, will be sent home from school until free of live lice as determined by the school nurse. The school nurse will provide written treatment information and instructions, including how to check for and identify head lice and nits.
 - a. In the event that a child has TWO cases of live lice in a semester, he or she will be sent home until free of both live lice and nits. This will be determined by the school nurse or a building principal.

All children who have been sent home with head lice and have returned to school will have a follow-up check by the school nurse or other designated staff 7-10 days after they return.

Families are encouraged to report head lice to the school health office. Individual school buildings will perform classroom or school-wide head checks as needed in order to control the condition at school.

Regarding absenteeism for head lice, Wahoo Public Schools will follow state and county attendance guidelines. Notifications will be sent to parents and, if excessive attendance thresholds are exceeded, to the Saunders County Attorney's office.

Information from the National School Nurses Association, the American Academy of Pediatricians and the Centers for Disease Control was reviewed in the formulation of this district procedure.