

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NURSING INTERVENTION PROTOCOL FOR HEAD LICE

1. Review rationale for screening with student.
2. Screen using clean stick for each student.
3. Review findings with student promptly in a private counseling session.
4. Contact parents of students with live lice to pick up their child and inform them regarding treatment options.
5. Advise classroom teacher and other identified school personnel of need for student to be rechecked by the Nurse or other trained personnel upon return to school for absence of live lice. "No - nit" policies, i.e. not allowing children back into school with nits even though treated, is no longer a recommended practice because it has been proven that these policies do not impact the spread of lice.
6. Screen siblings of affected student who attend the same school, and close friends of affected student as soon as possible. Inform other school nurses of known contact cases for students in other school buildings.
7. Provide instruction to parent and student on appropriate treatment for and prevention of head lice. Have family shampoo student and all family members with presence of live lice now and repeat per directions on over-the-counter/prescription head lice shampoo, unless directed otherwise by health care provider.
8. Student can return to school once their hair has been treated with lice shampoo and they are free of live lice.
9. Inform school principal of recommendation for mass screening. (Minimum criteria: when 3 students in one classroom and/or 3% of the student population are known to have lice within 2 consecutive weeks.)
10. More information regarding treatment of head lice can be found on the following websites.

American Academy of Pediatrics

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/126/2/392.full>

Harvard School of Public Health

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/headlice.html>

Centers for Disease Control

[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/headlice/factsht\\_head\\_lice\\_treating.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/headlice/factsht_head_lice_treating.htm)

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