

Head lice are a common condition in the school-aged child. ~~It is highly contagious and easily spread from direct or indirect contact with infested persons and/or infested personal items.~~

~~The school principal or designee will screen students for head lice. If nits (egg cases) are present, the student will be excluded from school until the student is “nit free.” Every attempt will be made to educate students and parents on the prevention and eradication of head lice before and after an infestation is detected.~~

~~Students having symptoms of head lice, such as scratching of the scalp, or appearance of possible nits, shall be referred to the school nurse or the nurse’s designee for inspection. If head lice or nits are found, the school nurse or the nurse’s designee will consult with the principal and take the following precautions:~~

- ~~1. Contact the parent/guardian to request that they follow the recommended treatment prior to returning to school the next day; and~~
- ~~2. Parents of children in close contact with a child infested with head lice will be notified with the appropriate actions that they should take.~~

~~The school nurse may readmit a child to school after treatment even though nits are present. However, if the parent/guardian is unwilling to cooperate with the treatment of head lice or if head lice are found three times in one school year on an individual student, the nurse or nurse’s designee will explore additional head lice treatments and shall have the option of initiating a “no nit” policy before a student can be readmitted to school.~~

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~~HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS)~~

~~REQUIREMENTS~~

~~Coeur d'Alene School District has adopted a "nit free" head lice policy. Students will be excluded from school if nits (egg cases) are present in a child's hair, and will not be readmitted to school until the student is free of nits as determined by a physician, school nurse, or a school administrator or designee.~~

~~HEADLICE GUIDELINES~~

- ~~1. Students will be screened if there are any signs of head lice.~~
- ~~2. If head lice are present, notify the parent/guardian.~~
- ~~3. Parents of children in close contact with a child with head lice will be notified by a letter.~~
- ~~4. Student will stay home until free of nits or has had appropriate treatment~~
- ~~5. If there are questions, refer student to school health services.~~

~~In order to prevent re-infestation during increased numbers or outbreaks, proper home treatment must be followed and precautionary measures taken within the school setting as determined by a school nurse.~~

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