

Verona Area School District Pediculosis Control Procedure

Current evidence and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not support the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of classroom or school-wide screening for decreasing the incidence of head lice among school children. School administrators are encouraged to help educate parents and staff about the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of head lice. This policy reflects “best practice”.

Head lice will be treated as a medical issue deserving the same level of confidentiality as any medical concern.

- I. Any student with an active case of head lice may be sent home. This will be counted as an excused absence.
- II. If live lice, or untreated nits are apparent:
 - A. The parent will be contacted by phone. If able, parent will get student from school
 - B. Treatment of the student and the environment will be explained to the parent.
 - C. A written explanation of lice treatment will be given to the student for the parent. This is to serve as an adjunct to the instruction given over the phone or in person.
 - D. Parents/guardians are responsible for treating student and for notifying daycares, babysitters, and close contacts.
 - E. The student will be readmitted to school after treatment.
- III. The special friends, brothers and sisters currently in school may also be screened.
- IV. If multiple cases of lice are identified, pediculosis information will be distributed. Parents will need to check their children for lice/nits.

The guidelines for cleaning of the classroom will be followed for those classrooms of diagnosed cases.

From the American Academy of Pediatrics:

<https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/pages/aap-updates-treatments-for-head-lice.aspx>

From the National Association of School Nurses:

<https://schoolnursenet.nasn.org/blogs/nasn-profile/2017/03/13/head-lice-management-in-the-school-setting>