

Killeen ISD Head Lice Management Procedure

Any student with visible signs of lice will be excluded from school until he/she is free of all live lice.

Head Lice

An itchy scalp is often a symptom that lice are present but not always an early sign. Common sites to find lice or nits (tiny lice eggs) are behind the ears, the crown of the head, and nape of the neck. Head lice are spread most commonly by direct head-to-head contact. However, much less frequently they are spread by sharing clothing or belongings onto which lice have crawled or nits attached to shed hairs may have fallen.

Common symptoms of a student with head lice may be: frequent head/back of neck scratching, student frequently stating their head itches, and unexplained sores or scabs on the scalp or back of neck.

Parent/Guardian of student found to have live lice:

- Parents of students will be notified and will be instructed in treatment of head lice using the CDC recommendations for the treatment and prevention of lice.
- Parents will be asked to pick up and treat their student as soon as possible.

Procedure for the Student found to have live lice:

- Disposition of the student waiting to go home will be determined by Campus Administration.
- School bus transportation will not be provided from school to home on the day the live lice were discovered.
- The student can return to school the next day after treatment and after being re-examined by the clinic staff and found to be live lice free.

Procedure for screening of other students by the clinic staff:

- Siblings of the student found to have head lice will be discreetly screened for head lice.
- Students who were most likely to have head to head contact with the student found to have head lice will be discreetly screened.
- To avoid disruption of student and teacher class time, no unwarranted mass screenings will be done.
- *According to Senate Bill 1566:* A notification letter including the CDC recommendations for the treatment and prevention of lice must be sent home with the elementary classmates to notify the parent that a student in the class has lice. This letter must be sent no later than the 5th school day after becoming aware the classmate has lice.

For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/>