

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZEKA-STEUBEN**HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS)**Head lice and nits

Schools bring large numbers of children into close daily contact and serve as a focal point for the transmission of all kinds of communicable diseases and nuisances, including head lice, which is considered a communicable nuisance. Control depends upon prompt case finding, proper administrative handling of each case, effective treatment, and prevention and limitation of spreading the nuisance.

Specific guidelines for the treatment of head lice and/or nits include screening, parent/legal guardian notification, treatment instructions, exclusion guidelines, and school and parent/legal guardian responsibilities.

Per incident, students will be excluded from school upon the day of initial identification. A student should not miss more than one (1) day of school following treatment. Should chronic reinfestation occur in individuals, the school may request that additional measures be taken prior to readmission. Truancy laws will apply to students missing excessive amounts of school due to head lice infestation.

1. The school nurse, principal, or designee is responsible for conducting inspections and for making the determination of whether or not to exclude children from school for head lice.
2. The District may require documentation stating the date and the method used in treating the lice and/or nits.
3. Student re-entry to school must be approved by the school nurse, principal, or designee.
4. Staff of the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben will not be responsible for the removal or treatment of nits or lice.
5. Students will be excluded from school if they have live lice, failure to provide documentation verifying treatment, or have an unmanageable level of nits present in their hair. Failure to provide treatment and follow-up care will be subject to unexcused absences.

Legal References: Wisconsin State Statutes §§ Section 121.02 (1)(i); HSS 145.06(1), Wisconsin Administrative Code

Cross References: Prevention, Control and Treatment of Head Lice Infestations in Schools

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