

Mamaroneck Union Free School District

Health Services

School Lice Guidelines

Effective: December 4, 2015

In accordance with the Mamaroneck UFSD School Physician, The Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the national Association of Nurses (NASN), we have adopted the following policy for head lice. This policy will ensure a consistent, coordinated and cooperative approach to managing head lice in the school community.

- No child should unnecessarily miss valuable school time because of lice.
- If a student is found to have live lice in their hair the Parent/Guardian will be notified and the child sent home to be treated.
- If a student is found to have nits in their hair Parent/Guardian will be notified and encouraged to treat at home that evening and/or contact their Health Care Provider for guidance. Student will remain in school.
- When live lice and/or nits are found, the classroom teacher of the affected student will be notified and students in the index classroom will be given the district exposure notice/written instructions for “head lice” to take home.
- Siblings of affected children in the building will be examined/screened by the nurse. If siblings attend another district school, the nurse at that school will be notified.
- Entire classrooms will not be screened.
 - The AAP and NASN have concluded that “head lice screening programs have not been proven to have a significant effect over time on the incidence of head lice.”
- Upon return to school the affected student will report to the nurse to have their hair examined for evidence of treatment. The nurse will communicate with the parent if there are any concerns.
- Students with recent lice infestation may be examined by the school nurse for up to 14 days after the return to school. If live lice are present, the student will be sent home to repeat the process.

Resources:

[American Academy of Pediatrics “Head Lice”, May 2015](#)

[National Association of School Nurses, Pediculosis Management in the School Setting \(position Statement\) Revised January 2011](#)
[CDC, www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html](http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html)