



## **Chesapeake Public Schools**

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### **Chesapeake Public Schools Guidelines for Head Lice**

Pediculosis Capitis (Head Lice) are very small, light brown, wingless insects that live in human hair close to the scalp. Head lice cannot fly or hop; they move by crawling, and are usually spread by direct head to head contact.

Students with head lice will be excluded from school. Any student attending school with head lice will be brought to the attention of the school nurse and the school will apply the following guidelines:

- The parent will be notified.
- The student will be referred for treatment.
- The student will be excluded from school until totally “nit (egg) free”.
- The school nurse will examine students in close contact with the affected student.
- If there are siblings at other schools, those schools will be notified.

Students who have previously been affected with head lice, but have been treated and are “nit free” may return to school once:

- The school nurse has examined the student.
- The parent has provided proof of treatment to the school nurse.

All previously affected students should be rechecked in 7-10 days. Questions should be directed to Chesapeake Public Schools Health Services Department at (757) 494-7628.