

Managing Head Lice in the School Setting

One of the most effective ways of preventing and treating head lice is to provide information and educate all members of the school community.

It's important that families and schools work together to manage head lice.

School's Responsibility

- Provide information and educate all members of the school community about head lice and how to treat it.
- Assess whether a student has a live lice infestation and ensure that their parents are notified of the infestation.
- Ensure that students identified as having head lice have been adequately treated by a parent or guardian.
- Send a notification letter to parents/ guardians if multiple students are found to have a live lice infestation in a specific classroom (elementary only).

Parents' Responsibility

- Know the signs and symptoms of a live lice infestation and viable eggs.
- Ask the school nurse if you have any questions about identifying or treating Head Lice.
- Check your child's head for head lice routinely once a week.
- If lice are found, notify the school nurse and ensure that treatment has been completed before the student returns to school.
- Educate family members on how to prevent the spread of lice; i.e. sharing of combs, brushes hats and scarves.