

**McKinney Independent School District
School Health Services**

Head Lice (Pediculosis) Guidelines

MISD Health Services will follow the steps below in providing information about and the prevention of the spread of head lice.

- Information is available from the campus nurse and on our website about head lice and its prevention.
- The campus nurse instructs the students on prevention and the spread of head lice throughout the school year.
- The nurse checks for head lice on a particular student from the referral of a teacher or the particular child's parent.
- Parents are called if their child is found to have live lice or nits $\frac{1}{4}$ " from scalp. A treatment plan and educational information is given to the parents, including a readmission criteria checklist for students with live lice. The child may remain in the classroom until the parent's arrival or until the end of the school day.
- MISD does not have a "No Nit" policy. The campus nurse will recheck and observe the child for signs of treatment prior to readmission. Students must be free of live lice before readmission. (Recommend removal of nits to prevent reinfestation.) The nurse will follow up with the child and his/her parents, if the child does not have a visible reduction in nits upon readmission.
- A letter is sent home at the elementary level to the students in the assigned classroom on Fridays when a case of lice/ nits are found in that classroom per SB 1566.
- A letter is sent home at the secondary level when 3 or more cases of head lice are found in a classroom.
- The student(s) sent home with live lice or nits found within $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the scalp will be rechecked in 10-14 days. If live lice is found the above steps will be repeated.
- If a case of head lice goes untreated or reinfestation occurs over several months the nurse will involve the campus administrator in a meeting with the parents.