

Head Lice Management

Head lice infestation is a common problem among school-aged children and it is present in every school system.

In an effort to control this condition and protect all students, Austintown Local School District maintains a “no-nit” policy to control the spread of head lice among classmates. This means that students will not be admitted to school if there are any visible signs of lice or lice eggs (nits). Due to an increased recurrence of this problem, beginning January 2006, the current no-nit policy will be enforced in the following manner:

1. If a child is found to have lice or nits, the parent will be called to take the child home and treat the infestation until all lice and nits have been removed. The school will provide information about treatment.
2. The student may return the following day if he/she has been treated and all nits have been removed.
3. Parent/guardian is required to accompany the child when returning to school and the clinic staff will check the child's head. If any nits are found, the parent/guardian must take the child back home to complete the removal.
4. For a few weeks after the child returns, head checks will be performed to monitor the possibility of reinfestation.

Most parents/guardians successfully treat this health issue, if and when it occurs, with assistance from the school clinic staff. It is in your best interest to work together with the medical assistant in the clinic to help your child return to school as soon as possible. For difficult cases, the school nurse can be consulted.