



St. Vrain Valley School District

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Head Lice Information

Position:

In accordance with The American Academy of Pediatrics, National Association of School Nurses and the CDC, St. Vrain Valley School District does not have a “No Nit Policy”. Management should not disrupt the educational process; head lice can be a nuisance but they have not been shown to spread disease.

School Procedure:

1. Cases of suspected head lice are brought to the attention of the school health clerk by either the classroom teacher or parents.
2. The health clerk will check the student(s).
3. Grade level and school wide head checks are not routinely done, however siblings and students with close contact to an affected student will be checked.
4. Parents of students with live lice and/or nits are immediately notified so treatment can be started.
5. Treatments for head lice include both over-the-counter products and prescription products. Parents are encouraged to follow directions on the manufacturer’s package. Hair combing with a nit comb to manually remove nits is highly recommended.
6. Upon re-admission to school, the student is checked to ensure proper treatment has begun.
 - **If live lice and/or nits are seen, parent will be contacted for ongoing treatment recommendations.**
 - **The affected students will be re-checked according to CDC recommendations.**
 - **Continued checks are no longer necessary once a student has 2 negative checks.**

These steps are intended to be the standard course of action. Administrators at an individual campus may institute additional measures to meet the needs of their student body.