

**Administrative Regulation for Significant Contagious Diseases
Head Lice**

1. If a child is suspected to have nits, the parent/guardian will be contacted by the school administration and asked to pick up the child. The child can be taken to a health care provider to have the case confirmed.
2. The parent/guardian will receive oral and written instructions on hair care and household cleaning.
3. The child will be checked prior to school re-entry by a health care provider. If the child is not nit free, he/she will not be allowed into school. If the child is checked by a health care provider, a note stating the child has been checked and is found to be nit free will be given to the parent/guardian to give to the school administrator.
4. Seven (7) days after the initial diagnosis of lice, the child will be rechecked by a trained volunteer or health care provider. A note will then be given to the parent/guardian stating the child has been rechecked and found to be nit free to give to the school administrator.
5. The school is responsible for contacting the parent/guardian and making sure that a follow-up check is done.

Responsibility of the School

1. Have volunteers available for screenings.
2. Contact parent/guardian regarding necessary treatment and give instructions on hair care, household cleaning and educational materials.
3. Refer the suspected positive cases to Southwestern District Health Unit or a health care provider for confirmation.
4. Notify parent/guardian explaining that the child cannot return to school prior to being checked by Southwest District Health Unit personnel or a health care provider, receiving a written consent stating that they are nit free (No Nit policy).