

MEDICAL EXCLUSIONS FROM SCHOOL -- HEAD LICE

Any student known to have or suspected to have any infectious disease shall be excluded from school, and the Principal shall immediately notify the Wetzel-Tyler Health Department of such exclusion. Any student so excluded shall not be readmitted until the student has complied with all the requirements and rules established by the Health Department and Tyler County Policy.

When any child in the Tyler County School System is found to have lice or lice eggs (nits), the following protocol has been established:

1. The Principal, or designee, will immediately notify the school nurse to examine the child.
2. If the nurse is unavailable, the determination will be made by the Principal, or designee.
3. If live lice are found, the child's parent will be called to immediately remove the child from school and treat the condition that evening. The child must be separated from the other students until the parent arrives.
4. If only nits are found, the child may remain in class for the remainder of the day. The parent will be notified and instructed to treat the condition that evening.
5. Written directions for lice removal must accompany the student home that same day. In order to be readmitted to school, the parent(s)/guardian(s) must bring the child **and the label from the product used for treatment** to school. The child must be checked for lice at the school before being admitted back into school. When possible, the school nurse will be at the school to re-check the child.

Exclusion from school under this policy shall be recorded as excused absences, for a reasonable period of time to treat the infectious disease. For head lice, complete treatment in an appropriate and timely manner is the parent's responsibility. One (1) day will be considered a reasonable period of time for the child to return to school lice-free. Absences beyond the one-day limit will be recorded as unexcused.

REFERENCE: WV Code 18A-5-1; 18-5-9; State Board Policy 2422.7 -
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