

HEAD LICE INFORMATION AND LINKS

Head lice, although not an illness or a disease, is very common among children and is spread through head-to-head contact during play, sports and when children share items like combs, hats, brushes, and headphones.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics, after appropriate treatment has begun, students can return to class. Nits may persist after treatment, but successful treatment should kill crawling lice.

Recommendations for parents:

1. Check your child's hair daily. If you find lice, treat your child and any children who share rooms or beds in the house. In addition, the sheets and clothes must be washed in hot water. Stuffed animals or other items which cannot be washed should be bagged for 48 hours.
2. Please let the school nurse know if you become aware of lice.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can be utilized as a resource for treatment and prevention of lice. Treatment options can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html> and prevention tips at <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/prevent.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact the WCISD Nurse at gilesj@wcisd.net. The WCISD Student-Parent Handbook provides district procedures for controlling head lice.