

LICE POLICY

In keeping with the Legacy School District's policy of avoiding the unnecessary exclusion of students from school, the district will not exclude otherwise healthy students from school due to nit infestations. Students with head lice infestations will be excluded from school only to the minimum extent necessary for treatment. To avoid the unnecessary exclusion of students from school, the administration provides the following procedure:

The schools will not perform routine school-wide head lice screening. Schools will stay away from unwarranted mass screenings that disrupt student and teacher class time and take away from the School Health Team's ability to address the more pertinent needs of students.

1. If the school health team staff or teacher discovers head lice or nits on a student, the parent/guardian of that student will be notified, and other students who reside with the infected student will also be checked.
2. When a student who had a live head lice infestation returns to school, the student may be examined by the school health team staff. If live head lice are found at that time, the parent/guardian will again be called and instructed concerning treatment. The student will be excluded from school to allow for additional treatment. This process will continue until the student is free of head lice.
3. If the student was infected with live head lice, the student should not return to school until treatment by an FDA-approved, medicated treatment has been established.
4. If requested the school health team staff will instruct the parent/guardian concerning various shampoos, sprays and other appropriate treatments that can be purchased to eliminate head lice or nits and will also give information concerning necessary procedures to be taken in the home to ensure that the head lice are eliminated.
5. A student who was identified as having nits but not a live head lice infestation will be re-examined within five (5) calendar days of the initial identification. If this examination reveals nits are still present, the parent/guardian will again be instructed on treatment options. This process will repeat until the student is free of nits.
6. To prevent Head Lice from classrooms teachers will be given information at the beginning of the year and parent prevention of lice information sheet will be available on the Legacy website. If lice or nits are discovered in a particular classroom a parent notification will be sent at that time.
7. The school staff will ensure the fair treatment of all students to prevent discrimination and unnecessary exclusion of students from classrooms.