

JACKSON R-2 SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD LICE PROTOCOL

The protocol listed below will be in effect to control the spreading of head lice (pediculosis) at school:

1. If head lice/nits (eggs) are discovered on a student, the student will be removed from the classroom and the parents or emergency contact will be called to remove the student from school.
2. When head lice/nits are discovered on a student, all Jackson R-2 school age siblings of the infected student will also be checked for head lice.
3. If there are more than two children showing signs/symptoms of head lice in a classroom, the school nurse will determine the need for and efficacy of screening the entire classroom. Screening at will is not recommended by the Department of Health as it is time consuming and ineffective in the discovery and elimination of head lice. The nurse may however, send a letter to notify the other children's parents that head lice has been found in their child's classroom, so they may watch for signs of infestation as well.
4. The school nurse or assistive personnel (principal or vice principal) will be available to screen for head lice, as well as give the parent information concerning the procedure to eliminate head lice.
5. After treatment is complete and prior to returning to the classroom, the student must come to the nurse's office for an examination by the school nurse or assistive personnel. If there is no evidence of head lice or nits, the student will be permitted to return to the classroom. If nits and/or head lice remain, the student will not be permitted to return to school until eradication of the nits and/or head lice is complete.
6. Within 6 to 10 days after being readmitted to school, the student will again be examined by the school nurse or assistive personnel to check for reinfestation. If there are nits or head lice present, the student will be sent home until eradication is complete.
7. Students cannot attend school unless the school nurse or assistive personnel has determined that they are free of nits and/or head lice.

School personnel, including the school nurse, will not transport a student home with a potentially infectious disease such as head lice.