

## Duanesburg Central School

### Head Lice Procedure

**Goal:** To facilitate an accurate assessment, contain and limit the transmission of head lice infestation, provide appropriate health information for treatment and prevention of head lice transmission and minimize school absences related to head lice infestations the District will follow this procedure when an infestation occurs in the student population.

1. School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse.
2. The school nurse shall examine the identified student. An infestation shall be determined by looking closely through the hair and scalp for viable nits or live lice.
3. If live lice or nits are identified, the parent/guardian/emergency contact shall be notified via telephone for immediate pick up of their child.
4. Parent/guardian will be advised that the student may not attend or return to school until treatment has been initiated.
5. The parent/guardian will be provided information on the biology of head lice, methods to eliminate infestation, and directions to examine household contacts for lice and nits.
6. A letter will be sent home notifying classmates' parents/guardians that a case of head lice is suspected and asking them to check all of their children for head lice. The school will also provide a copy of an information sheet on head lice infestation and treatment options.
7. The school nurse will use his/her discretion to determine best plan of care for the individual student.
8. The school nurse will take care to maintain the confidentiality of the affected student(s) at all times and will reinforce this concept with other staff members as necessary.
9. Classroom-wide or school wide screenings will be performed at the nurse's discretion.
10. Students may return to school after parent/guardian has verified via a telephone call to the school nurse or a written note that the treatment has been initiated.
11. The student needs to be reassessed by the school nurse for a quick screening and approval prior to re-entry into the classroom.
12. Parents of students with chronic cases of infestation or any difficulties treating head lice will be referred to contact their child's medical provider or local health department.