

Head Lice Policy

Please carefully examine your child's head for lice before school starts in the Fall, and on a weekly basis throughout the year. If you think your child has lice, the nurse will gladly check.

If you discover at home that your child has lice, please notify the nurse so that we can alert other parents. Your child must be seen by the school nurse prior to returning to the classroom, and the Head Lice Home Checklist must be filled out, signed by a parent and brought with you when your child is checked. It is also your responsibility to inform the parents of your child's friends. The nurse may check heads of siblings and/or friends who had sleepovers/play dates, as well as classmates.

If a child is found at school to have lice or to have nits within ½ inch of the scalp, the parent will be notified immediately to pick up the child. Before the child can return to school, the nurse must examine the child to ensure that he/she is lice free. Children may not return to school if lice are present or if nits within ½ inch of the scalp are present. If parents believe a child is ready to return to school, email or call the nurse to arrange a time for the student to be examined. The Lice Home Checklist is to be signed and returned at this time as well. The nurse may check heads of siblings and/or friends who had sleepovers/play dates, as well as classmates.

Full parent participation and vigilance is essential for preventing the spread of lice.

Lice Policy, Lice Fact Sheet and Lice Checklist are posted on the KSDS website under Health and Safety.