

White Bear Lake Area Schools Head Lice Action Plan

Based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control, Environmental Protection Agency, Minnesota Department of Health, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the National Association of School Nurses, White Bear Lake School District will follow these guidelines:

- Your child will not be required to leave school due to head lice
- You will be notified confidentially if your child has head lice
- Treatment should be initiated upon arrival home from school
- Mass screenings will not be done
- Notification letters will be sent for the first reported case of head lice in an elementary classroom. Additional notification letters will be sent home throughout the year for subsequent outbreaks.

In order to prevent and reduce the spread of head lice, we recommend:

- Encourage your child to avoid head to head contact with others
- **Check your child's head a minimum of once a month**
- Check everyone in the home if one person has head lice
- Notify the Health Office if your child has head lice

For more information, please call your School Nurse or view this handout from Hennepin County Medical Center:

<http://www.hennepin.us/-/media/hennepinus/residents/health-medical/infectious-disease-s-fact-sheets/head-lice-parents.pdf?la=en>

An informational video on the identification and treatment of head lice can be viewed at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RctgbgTt-loCXoS_efDfJ-_Lqv2FNkPO/view

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