

Neighborhood Charter School Lice Procedure

Pediculosis (head lice) represents one of the most common communicable childhood diseases. It is therefore not unusual within a school for children to get head lice, but it is one that we want to eliminate as quickly as possible.

The Neighborhood Charter School has a “No Nit Policy.” All children must be nit (lice eggs) free in order to return to school.

If a parent discovers lice:

- Please contact the school immediately so that student’s classmates can be screened.
- If your child is discovered to have lice, you will be asked to pick them up from school and treat them as soon as possible. The National Pediculosis Association’s (NPA) Ten Tips for Head Lice and Nit Removal will be sent home with each family. (<http://www.headlice.org/downloads/tipsremoval.htm>) Please visit www.headlice.org for additional information.
- The child may return to school as soon as s/he is free of lice and nits. These students must be rechecked by school officials upon return. If lice or nits are still found, parents will be called to pick their child up.
- Parents need to recheck their child every 2-3 days for a two-week period to make sure re-infestation has not occurred.

Once lice is found in a classroom:

- All students within the class will be screened by school personnel.
- A letter informing families of the lice will be sent home.
- All families will be asked to screen children at home for a period of 2 weeks following the discovery of lice.
- All siblings of children diagnosed with lice will be screened by school officials. If necessary, these classrooms will also be screened.
- Infested classroom rugs, furniture, pillows, etc. will be vacuumed. Vacuuming is the safest and best way to remove lice or fallen hairs with attached nits from upholstered furniture, rugs, stuffed animals and car seats. NPA recommends the avoidance of lice sprays.

Links to further information:

10 Steps to Help Keep Head Lice and Their Eggs Out of your Child’s Hair

<http://www.headlice.org/downloads/10steps.htm>

NPA Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.headlice.org/faq/questions.htm>