

PEDICULOSIS: As recommended by the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics, Franklin Public Schools have adopted a non-exclusionary policy for pediculosis (head lice).

<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html>

Students diagnosed with live head lice do not need to be sent home early from school; they can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after appropriate treatment has begun.

School nurses will screen any student who exhibits signs/symptoms of head lice. Children who are found to have live lice or nits will not be sent home from school.

Parents of affected students will be notified before the end of the school day and advised to contact their healthcare provider for treatment options. An informational fact sheet on head lice will be provided to the parent. Classroom/grade wide notification letters will generally not be sent home unless deemed appropriate.

Children will be allowed to return to school after parents confirm with the school nurse that treatment has begun. Children do not need to be screened by the school nurse prior to returning to school. Parents may request assistance from the school nurse to check their child's head after treatment.

The presence of nits will not prevent a child from returning to school. Parents will be instructed to check their child's head on a regular basis to confirm treatment success or failure.