

The following guidelines were developed utilizing data and references from Texas Department of State Health Services, National Association of School Nurses and the Center for Disease Control.

Education:

Jubilee Academies Health Services Department will strive to educate parents and employees regarding lice so all can come together to promote student health and reduce missed instruction time.

1. Parent education regarding lice will be sent home routinely to all elementary campus parents twice a year (beginning of school and on the return from winter break).
2. Employee education regarding lice will be required for all elementary campus teachers. Classroom strategies and identification will be incorporated in the training.
3. Parent education of lice treatment, nit/lice removal and home care will be provided to each parent when their student is identified as having lice.
4. Students will be instructed on prevention measures such as not sharing hats, brushes or hair ties.

Screening Procedure:

Screening procedures are in place to identify head lice so parents can be contacted to provide treatment. The campus nurse/health assistant will screen a child for lice when they complain of their head itching/crawly, when lice/nits (eggs) are seen by a campus staff member and as requested per a parent to have their child checked. If a student has been identified as positive for lice, the student's entire class will be screened.

1. Routine classroom lice checks will not be initiated. Data shows this practice disrupts classroom time and is not effective for controlling lice.
2. School aged siblings of a student with lice will be screened. Information will be given to the parents to check other children in the home and those who had close head to head contact with the child (recent sleep overs).
3. In the event that a trend or an outbreak of lice is suspected, a classroom lice screening will be completed. Classroom screenings will occur in the nurse's clinic where there is good lighting and confidentiality can be maintained.
4. It is up to the campus nurse/health assistant if a classroom lice check will be performed when a parent or teacher makes a request for one. Each situation should be looked at on a case by case basis with the best interest of all the students in mind.

Exclusions:

1. Students with live lice and viable nits will be examined by the campus nurse to determine if exclusion from school is necessary. Some of the indications that exclusion may be needed are when the lice infestation is extensive where visible bugs can be seen crawling on the head and/or falling from the student's head. Parents will be notified to pick up their child from school when a lice infestation is found.
2. The nurse may examine the child's head on return to school. If live lice or viable nits are present, parent information and instructions for removal will be given by phone/contact and or instructions sent home with student.

3. If a parent is unable to be reached and a child needs to be removed from the classroom due to infestation, the alternate emergency contacts will be called. If no one is available to pick up the student, the campus administrator will be notified and a case by case decision will be made regarding the plan of action. In most cases the student should be allowed to remain on campus and a note sent home with the student regarding the student's lice and required treatment information. The student's teacher and bus driver, if applicable, will be notified to monitor student's head-to-head contact.
4. If only viable nits are present, (no live lice), the parent will be contacted and instructions given to the parent on nit removal and possible treatment. Viable nits will hatch and cause re-infestation. Eggs hatch in approximately 6-9 days from being laid.
5. Jubilee nurses will not routinely check a student a week after treatment to insure a re-infestation has not occurred. Doing so can be disruptive to the teacher's classroom instructional time and can cause unnecessary embarrassment. Rechecks will be performed on a case by case basis and/or parent request. Parent education will include checking the student's head 7 days and 14 days after initial treatment and to retreat if live lice are found.

Notification:

Jubilee Academies will follow Texas DSHS guidelines as follows:

During the 2017 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 1566 passed into law and states the following: "The board of trustees of an independent school district shall adopt a policy requiring a school nurse of a public elementary school who determines or otherwise becomes aware that a child enrolled in the school has lice shall provide written or electronic notice of that fact to:

- (1) The parent of the child with lice as soon as practicable but not later than 48 hours after the administrator or nurse, as applicable, determines or becomes aware of that fact; and
- (2) The parent of each child assigned to the same classroom as the child with lice not later than the fifth school day after the date on which the administrator or nurse, as applicable, determines or becomes aware of that fact."

Classroom Management:

Lice cannot jump or fly. Studies show that lice do not crawl off a warm head to a non-human object. They can be dislodged from hair onto surfaces from friction such as clothing being pulled over the head, pillows rubbing against the head, combs, hair-dryers and two heads in contact with each other. Lice cannot live without a human host/blood for more than 48 hours. Nits must have the warmth of the host head in order to hatch. Classroom management plans should focus on these facts when planning preventative measures.

1. Student's jacket should be hung on hooks or on the back of the student's chair. Coats/jackets should not be piled together or hung touching each other.
2. Teachers are discouraged from having shared items such as pillows, blankets, stuffed animals and cloth chairs in the classrooms. These items often come in contact with a student's head and live lice could potentially be left behind waiting for a new warm head to attach to.
3. Carpets and rugs should be routinely vacuumed.