

HEAD LICE

The incidence of head lice (pediculosis) has been increasing over the last few years. The Iowa Department of Public Health has identified this as a community-based problem. The resistance of lice to many of the current over-the-counter medications has added to this problem. Individual class notification of head lice is no longer necessary because parents should assume there is head lice at school at all times. Weekly checking for head lice as part of your child's routine hygiene care must become the parent's responsibility. Due to the large ratio of students per school nurse, parents are able to do a more thorough and effective job of examining their child's head. Our school nurse or her assistant will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have regarding identification and treatment of head lice. While head lice are a nuisance, it is very important for parents to understand that head lice do not pose any health hazards.