

Some Facts About Head Lice

Where children are present and playing, there is always the possibility of the presence of pediculus humanus capitis (head lice), which means there is a potential for there to be lice at school.

The WSD has aligned nurse practices with both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses and we ask that parents keep the following information in mind:

- Lice are not a disease.
- Lice do not reflect unsanitary homes or students.
- Lice are absolutely an inconvenience.
- By detecting lice early, both parents and nurses can get ahead in the process.

If you have a concern that lice are present in your child's school or if your child may have come in contact with another person with lice, check him/her frequently and let your school nurse know about the exposure in an effort to catch it before it gets out of hand.

Listed below are links to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses. There is also a video on what to look for when assessing if your child has head lice.

Please contact your school nurse with any questions or concerns about your own child.

<https://services.aap.org/en/search/?k=lice>

<https://www.nasn.org/search?executeSearch=true&SearchTerm=lice&l=1>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9S1lrliT9w0>