

# Williamson County Board of Education



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HEAD LICE

1 Response to Pediculosis (head lice) in the school setting is governed by the rules and regulations  
2 of the Tennessee Department of Health. The TDOH has updated its rules and regulations, and  
3 the TDOH rules require schools, day care centers, and Head Start authorities to follow the U.S.  
4 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for head lice infestations.  
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6 To help prevent the spread of head lice, the following steps should be taken:  
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- 8 1. Students will be checked for head lice by the school nurse when demonstrating symptoms  
9 of infestation.  
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- 11 2. When lice or nits are found to be present in a child's hair the parent is to be contacted and  
12 informed how to care for this problem. Parents of students with live lice or an active  
13 infestation will be asked to pick up their child as soon as possible to begin the treatment  
14 process.  
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- 16 3. The student may return to school only after the hair has been treated appropriately and the  
17 parent presents to the Principal or school nurse proof of treatment, a release from the  
18 Health Department or a health care provider, or after satisfactory examination by the  
19 school nurse.  
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- 21 4. Upon return to school the student shall be checked by the school nurse on a regular basis  
22 until no presence of active infestation can be found. This procedure may continue on a  
23 weekly basis until the hair is free active or live lice infestation.  
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42 Legal Reference:

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