

Jefferson County Public Schools

Exclusion from School for Head Lice

Date: _____

To the Parent/Guardian of: _____

During a screening today, evidence of head lice was found in your child's hair. Head lice have nothing to do with the cleanliness of a house or parenting skills. Head lice are spread by head-to-head contact, although sharing hats, combs, and other hair accessories may also spread head lice. Head lice cannot jump or fly. Head lice crawl and are not a risk to pets.

Please begin treatment as soon as possible so your child does not miss learning opportunities in the classroom. **Jefferson County Public Schools requires students to be lice free upon returning to school.** The attached information will be helpful for you to examine your child's hair thoroughly for signs of lice infestation (live lice and/or nits). Head lice may be treated with shampoos specifically labeled for head lice. Read and follow directions carefully or consult with your child's healthcare provider. If your child has allergies or asthma, please consult with your child's healthcare provider prior to treatment. **If the package directions indicate**, apply a second treatment 10 days later to kill lice that hatch after the initial treatment.

After treatment and removal of all lice, your child may return to school by choosing one of the following two options:

OPTION 1- SCHOOL RECHECK

You must accompany your child upon their return to school. Upon returning to school your child will be rechecked by designated school personnel for live lice. If live lice are found, the student must return home with the parent/guardian for appropriate treatment.

Option 2 – HEALTHCARE PROVIDER'S STATEMENT OF EXAMINATION AND RELEASE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL HEAD LICE FREE FORM

Your child must bring the completed form from your healthcare provider to school with them when they return. He/she will be rechecked at school again in five (5) school days only if nits were identified by that healthcare provider.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to call our school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Principal