

***Interstate 35 Community School District
Protocol on Head Lice***

Based on Board Policy 507.3 Communicable Diseases – Students, it is necessary to adjust our approach to students/families bringing head lice to school. If a student is referred to the school nurse, or if the school nurse initiates contact regarding head lice, the following steps/procedures are to be followed.

1. The school nurse will examine and determine the presence of live head lice and/or nits.
2. If live head lice and/or nits are found:
 - a. The school nurse will call the family and inform them of the presence of head lice and/or nits.
 - b. The family will be instructed to provide treatment for the head lice and/or nits immediately and notify the school nurse when treatment was completed (see step e below).
 - c. The student will not be sent home on the day of diagnosis, but may NOT return to school until confirmed treatment and no live lice present.
 - d. Notification of lice being found will be sent home to members of the class(es) of the involved student.
 - e. Upon treatment, it is the responsibility of the parents to bring the student to school and check-in with the school nurse in the designated office; parents should not leave the building until such time that the school nurse has confirmed treatment and no live lice are present.
 - f. If treatment has not been successfully completed and/or live lice are still present, the student will be sent home immediately with his/her parents.
 - g. Steps e and f will be repeated.
 - h. The school nurse will email the involved student's teacher, building principal, and office secretary regarding any mandated absence(s).
3. Documentation of all steps in this protocol is required in Power School.
4. Building principals and office staff will serve as support as needed through all protocols.
5. The Interstate 35 Community School District website will maintain information on prevention, treatment, etc. regarding head lice.