

MILFORD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD LICE GUIDELINES

SCHOOL EXCLUSION AND REINSTATEMENT

Students found to have live head lice during school hours shall be excluded from school until:

The child is totally free of all live lice.

Nits that remain must be removed by 10 days after return.

After 10 days if any further nits remain a second treatment is recommended.

- A. If, after 2 treatments with over the counter products fail to remove all active head lice and nits, Milford Schools will recommend the parent seek advice from their Health Care Provider.
- B. Chronic Infestation is defined as a child found infested more than 3 instances in a 10 week period. This *may* require a Health Care Provider's statement to be readmitted to school.
- C. Each child who has been treated for head lice **MUST** be checked by the nurse at the school **BEFORE** being readmitted to class. The child will not be permitted to ride the bus until cleared by the nurse.
- D. The child will have 1 excused day to provide treatment. If additional days are needed to provide the above treatments, **EACH** day will count as an unexcused absence. After 5 days of unexcused absences, the student's attendance will be turned over to our School Truant Officer.
(See policy on attendance)

Treatment recommendations

The school will provide written information sheets for all known types of treatment recommendations and preventative education. This information will be sent home with the affected child.

Parent Responsibilities

In order to decrease the number of outbreaks at Milford Schools, it is the Parent/Guardian's responsibility to:

- A. Notify your child's school, babysitters, extended day caregivers, and possibly neighborhood parents if your child has an active case of head lice.
- B. Educate yourselves and your children on prevention. **Do not share combs, brushes, hats, hair scrunchies, barrettes, scarves, or coats.** This is one of the primary means of lice migrating from one child to another.

- C. Provide the school with accurate/updated telephone numbers so we can reach you quickly. This way your child can go home and begin treatment as soon as possible, and readmission to school will occur faster.
- D. Accompany your child to the Health Clinic prior to his/her return to school. Your child cannot ride the bus until checked by the Nurse.

School Responsibilities

If a child is found to have active head lice during school hours, the school will:

- A. Remove the child from class and immediately call parent/guardian.
- B. Notify other schools in the district if the affected child has siblings in other buildings.
- C. Identify children who have been exposed and screen those children.
- D. Provide education to parent/guardians regarding treatment options, further outbreaks, and prevention.
- E. Provide classroom mass-screenings and letters home to parents *only* if 3 students (of unrelated cases) are infested within 2 consecutive weeks. (Hootman 2004) This is the recommendation from the National Association Of School Nurses.
- F. Rescreen those children who have been sent home for treatment. This will be done by the Nurse before the child can be readmitted to school.
- G. Those children who have not been treated or who continue to have active live lice infestation will be sent back home.
- H. Those children readmitted to school after treatment will be rescreened by the Nurse between 10 and 21 days