

Clarksville-Montgomery County School System
HEALTH SERVICES
HEAD LICE MANAGEMENT

1. Child is referred to the clinic based upon teacher or staff observation of lice and/or nits, or upon scratching of head or the student's report of itching or crawling feeling.
2. Nurse to check child's head maintaining privacy to the extent possible.
3. Nurse to report to parent/guardian for arrangements for child to go home if live lice and/or nits within ¼ inch of scalp are found.
4. If nits found further than ¼ inch from scalp, then the student may remain in class. Nurse to report findings to parents.
5. Parent will be notified that siblings of the student will be checked, to include siblings who attend another school in the district.
6. When parent/guardian reports to clinic to pick up child with live lice and/or nits, nurse may review Head Lice Information (HEA-F030) with parent/guardian.
7. Emphasize to parent/guardian the importance of breaking the lice cycle by following all directions as written if using an over-the-counter treatment. If the olive oil treatment option is utilized, emphasize the importance of treating every 4th day for 3 weeks.
8. **If two or more cases of live lice and/or nits are found in the same classroom affecting two separate students within a 2 week time frame, then the school nurse will conduct a classroom check.**
9. Class note for head lice may be sent home with students in the class of the child with live lice/nits (HEA-F007), as appropriate. Classroom will be rechecked once a month as long as still having more than 2 students with head lice. Letter to be sent again after 1 month if lice still present in classroom as appropriate.
10. Educate any teachers, staff, children or parents involved in the head lice management strategies.