

Lice Protocol
Adrian Public Schools
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During the school year when children are together, we sometimes encounter the problem of head lice. Although head lice are not known to cause disease in affected persons, they feed on human blood (much like a mosquito) and are known to spread from person to person primarily through direct head to head contact. The first symptom often seen is a child scratching their head. While the head lice do not cause disease, they are an annoying problem.

Lice Protocol:

If your child is found to have live lice, you will be contacted and provided with essential information on how to proceed with treatment. We can help you understand what needs to be done to eliminate the problem as well as provide information on the identification of head lice infestation. Children found to have live lice are sent home until treated. Letters will be sent home with students in affected classroom(s) upon the first case of lice to alert parents to be more vigilant in checking their student for lice.

Returning to School:

Children who have been treated may return to school. Upon returning to school, the school nurse will examine the student for any remaining live lice. A second screening will be done 1 (one) week after returning, as lice can be a persistent problem.

If you want further information about head lice management and diagnosis, you can contact your health care provider or consult the "Head Lice Fact Sheet" link listed on the school nurse webpage under "Important Information".

It is important to remember that anyone can get lice. Please stay alert to any signs that your child may have lice and check your child's head if you feel they may have been exposed to head lice. If you find any lice on your child's head, please contact the school.

Please help us keep children in school by checking your child for lice once per week and notifying the school of any concerns.