



Health Services

MCCSC Lice and NITS Guidelines

LIVE LICE GUIDELINES:

When a student is suspected of having head lice, the health office staff will examine the student's scalp in the health office. Privacy of the student will be protected.

If live lice are found, that student will be excluded from school until they return "live lice free" (as deemed per school health office). The student will not be permitted to ride the school bus.

- If student has a sibling at MCCSC, that sibling(s) will also be assessed within the health office.
- The parent/guardian of the student will be notified to pick the student up from school (students are not permitted to ride the school bus until they are free from live lice as determined by the health office staff).
- Educational materials about lice and treatment for lice will be sent home with the student.
- The student and the student's living quarters should be treated for live lice removal.
- The parent/guardian will bring the student into the school health office for an examination of the student's scalp after the student has undergone treatment to rid the scalp of live lice.
- If no live lice are found on the student's scalp, the student will be permitted to stay in attendance at school and will be permitted to ride the school bus to and from school.
- If live lice are found on the student's scalp, the student will be excluded from school. Further treatment from parent/guardian will be necessary. The student will need to be brought back to the health office for examinations until no live lice are found.
- If upon examination of the student's scalp after treatment finds NITS (the egg or young form of a louse attached to a human hair), please refer to the NITS ONLY GUIDELINES found in this document.

ATTENDANCE: Days in which the student was seen in the health office and sent home after live lice were found will NOT count against the student's absence record (any further days that a student is NOT sent home by health office will count against student).

NITS ONLY GUIDELINES:

If a student is found to have ONLY NITS (the egg or young form of a louse attached to a human hair), they may return to class and ride the bus home from school.

- The health office staff will call the student down to the health office to examine the scalp every 2-3 days until the NITS are gone to ensure that they NITS have not hatched and to ensure the NITS are being removed.
- A note will be sent home to parent/guardian: Letter to Parents: Students with Nits.

*****Classroom checks are performed by Director or Building Administrator requests but are not routine.*****

Please Note: NITS are not required to be removed, but if NITS are within 1/2" of scalp, there is a chance even after shampooing that the nits could still be alive. IT IS ALWAYS BEST TO REMOVE ALL NITS TO PREVENT FURTHER INFESTATIONS.