

**Sandwich Public Schools**  
**Health Services**  
**Pediculosis (Head Lice) Protocol**

In accordance with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) (American Academy of Pediatrics [AAP], 2015), the Sandwich Public Schools Health Services Department adopts the following protocol for the management on Pediculosis, also known as head lice.

It is the position of the AAP that the management of pediculosis should not interrupt the educational process. If live head lice are found on a student during the school day, the student's parent or guardian will be contacted and notified of the findings. The parent or guardian may choose to dismiss the student to begin treatment and the dismissal will be considered as an excused dismissal. However, dismissal of the student during the school day is not required. Because no disease process is associated with head lice, students will not be excluded from school for live bugs or nits. For the comfort of the student, the AAP states that the student should be treated with over-the-counter medication, followed by inspection and removal of nits for a period of two weeks (AAP, 2015).

School nurses will not conduct random or widespread checks for head lice. Parents / guardians will be notified via email or letter if the presence of head lice is identified within their child's classroom.

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