

Head Lice**NIT FREE REQUIREMENTS**

When a suspected case of head lice (pediculosis) is reported at school or class operated by the Corcoran Unified School District, the following guidelines shall be adhered to by concerned school personnel:

1. The student shall be examined.
2. If nits or lice are found, the student shall be excluded from school and referred for treatment.
3. All siblings/members of the same household of the affected student in the school shall be examined for lice.
4. Privacy must be insured in the pediculosis identification and referral process (Education Code 49450).
5. The classroom teacher shall be informed of the problem and requested to observe and refer any other suspected cases to the office.
6. If other referred students in the classroom of an infected student are found to have head lice, the entire class shall be checked. The administrator shall decide upon the method of screening to be used in the classroom.
7. Parents should be notified in writing at the discretion of the administrator of:
 - a. Recent lice infestation in their child's classroom;
 - b. How to check the hair;
 - c. Recommended treatment procedures;
 - d. Where to obtain further information.
8. The student who is excluded from school because of lice infestation may return to school after treatment with an effective pediculocide and removal of all visible nits. The absence shall be treated in the same manner as an excused absence due to a medical problem for a maximum of three days.
9. After treatment the infected student shall be examined by a designee of the school site administrator to determine that the student has been successfully treated before being allowed to return to the classroom.
10. In school with recurrent infestations with head lice, it may be necessary to alter certain school activities (i.e. hang coats on chairs, put hats in coat sleeves, eliminate close group activities for two weeks, eliminate dress-up activities, etc.)

Legal References:EDUCATION CODE

48210-48214 Persons excluded

49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent