

St. Vincent Elementary School Head Lice Policy

- A. If a student is found to have nits (10 or less) only, he/she will be treated as follows:
- Parents will be notified.
 - A letter will be sent home with instructions on how to remove nits.
 - The parents must send a written note verifying treatment upon the return to school.
 - Student will be checked by designated school staff/nurse upon returning to school, if several nits are still present, parent will be notified immediately and student will be sent home for nit removal.
- B. If a student is found to have live head lice or more than 10 nits, he/she will be treated as follows:
- (First Case)**
- Parents called immediately.
 - Student will be sent home.
 - The parents must send a written note verifying treatment upon return to school.
 - Student will be checked by designated school staff/nurse upon returning to school, if live lice or more than 10 nits are still present, parent will be notified immediately and student will be sent home.
- (Second Case)**
- Parents called immediately.
 - Student will be sent home.
 - The parents must send a box-top of medication applied along with a note verifying treatment upon the return to school.
 - Student will be checked by designated school staff/nurse upon returning to school, if live lice or more than 10 nits are still present, parent will be notified immediately and student will be sent home.
- (Subsequent Cases)**
- Parents called immediately.
 - Student will be sent home.
 - A note from the Family Physician or the Health Department verifying no nits upon the return to school.
 - Student will be checked by designated school staff/nurse upon returning to school, if live lice or more than 10 nits are still present, parent will be notified immediately and student will be sent home.
- C. The nurse should develop a standard letter that informs parents what to look for and how to treat for head lice.
- D. If widespread cases of head lice are detected, a letter should be sent home to all parents.
- E. When head lice are found on a student, the entire homeroom will be checked.
- F. To minimize the risk of spreading head lice, school staff/nurse shall not perform treatment or nit removal at school.