

## If a Student is Confirmed To Have Lice:

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Follow School Protocol
□ Notify the school nurse immediately. Follow your district's policy for lice management (some schools send home letters, others do not).
Notify the Parents
<ul> <li>Inform the parents/guardians of the affected student promptly.</li> <li>Provide educational materials on treatment and prevention.</li> </ul>
Consider Classroom Notification (if policy allows)
<ul> <li>Send a notice to the families of classmates if required by school policy.</li> <li>Keep the affected child's identity confidential.</li> </ul>
Observe Close Friends
<ul> <li>☐ The children most likely to have lice are the close friends of the affected child.</li> <li>☐ Be discreet and notify the nurse to check these students.</li> </ul>
Watch for Symptoms
If any student is scratching their head, fidgeting, or seems uncomfortable, send them to the nurse for a check.
Minimize Head-to-Head Contact
Remind students to avoid head-to-head contact. Lice is only spread from head-to-head contact.
Reinforce Prevention Habits
<ul><li>Encourage students with long hair to keep it tied up in a braid, bun, or braided ponytail.</li><li>Promote awareness in a calm, non-stigmatizing way.</li></ul>
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