

SUMMERS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

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Head Lice and Nit Free Policy

Head lice infestation has been identified as an on going problem within the school setting. The "Lice Free Policy" will provide for the protection of the student/faculty population and serve as an appropriate measure for the prevention of head lice outbreaks.

Before returning to school:

1. All lice and live nits must be removed.
2. After treatment, the child must be inspected by a health professional such as the health department or health clinic nurse, a physician, or his office nurse. A note stating that the child has been treated and is lice free must be signed by the person doing the inspection and returned to the school. This treatment should require only 1 or 2 days to complete.
3. The school nurse will do re-screenings as necessary to detect the presence of live lice.

In the event a case of head lice is found in the classroom, the school nurse will notify all parents of students in that room and the teacher. The nurse will give a letter to the classroom teacher to distribute to his/her students. Classroom screenings are **not** warranted. No disease process is associated with head lice.

Confidentiality must be maintained at all times. The name of the student with lice will not be release to anyone other than the parent, classroom teacher, and principal.

This policy shall be furnished to the local health department, clinics, hospitals, and physicians.