

Mamaroneck Union Free School District

Health Services

School Head Lice Guidelines

Effective: October 4, 2022

In accordance with the Mamaroneck UFSD School Physician, The Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the national Association of Nurses (NASN), MUFSD has revised the following guidelines for head lice. These guidelines will ensure a consistent, coordinated and cooperative approach to managing head lice in the school community.

- No child should unnecessarily miss valuable school time because of lice.
- If a student is found to have head lice or nits in their hair their Parent/Guardian will be notified and encouraged to treat at home that evening and/or contact their Health Care Provider for guidance. Student will remain in school.
- When head lice or nits are found, the classroom teacher of the affected student will be notified and students in the index classroom will be given the districts Health Advisory for “head lice” to take home.
- Entire classrooms will not be screened.
 - The AAP and NASN have concluded that “head lice screening programs have not been proven to have a significant effect over time on the incidence of head lice.”
- Upon return to school the affected student will report to the nurse to have their hair examined for evidence of treatment. The nurse will communicate with the parent if there are any concerns.

Resources:

[American Academy of Pediatrics “Head Lice”, October 2022](#)
[National Association of School Nurses, Pediculosis Management in the School Setting \(position Statement\) Revised June 2020](#)
[CDC, www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html](http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html)