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HEAD LICE

The Elba Public School District policy regarding head lice (Pediculosis Capitus) is based on recommended guidelines by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics, National Association of School Nurses and the Harvard School of Public Health.

If live lice are observed, then parents will be required to pick up their student from school and asked to begin treatment. Once treatment has been verified (signing of document sent home with child), the child will be allowed to return to school. Upon return, school staff will re-examine the student before the child returns to the classroom. The student will be examined again in 7-10 days by school staff to confirm the absence of lice and nits.

If only nits (lice eggs) are observed, the student may remain in school for the balance of the day, parents will be notified and information will be sent home advising how to address the condition. Once treatment has been verified (signing of document sent home with child), the child will be allowed to return to school. Upon return, school staff will re-examine the student before the child returns to the classroom. The student will be examined again in 7-10 days by school staff to confirm the absence of lice and nits.