



SUNRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Head Lice Information

Head lice occur commonly among school-age children. Head lice are not a sign of poor hygiene and anyone can get them. Lice do not transmit infections and do not pose a risk to a person's health. Lice can be passed from person to person by direct head-to-head contact or by sharing clothing with lice on them. Head lice can cause itching and are most commonly found on the back of the head, neck, or behind the ears.

The Elk Grove Unified School District has a "NO LIVE HEAD LICE" procedure. This means when a student is found to have live head lice, the parent is notified. The student is sent home from school. The parent is instructed to treat their student for lice before returning to school.

Readmission is contingent on the student passing a head lice re-screening.

We recommend that you periodically check your student's and other members of your household for lice. If your student or anyone in the household has head lice, complete the following instructions listed below.

Treatment for Head Lice

Several medicated shampoos or cream rinses are effective at killing lice. Products containing permethrin or pyrethrins are available over-the-counter. Follow the manufacturer's instructions found on the product label. It is recommended to re-treat after 7-10 days to assure that no eggs have survived. Consult your healthcare provider if you are having difficulties getting rid of your child's head lice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with your healthcare provider or the credentialed school nurse.

Sincerely,

Patricia Toner

Elk Grove Unified School Nurse