

Pike County School Corporation
Policy / Guidelines for Management of Head Lice in the Schools

Responsibility of the School Nurse

The PCSC registered nurses are the health care professionals who will communicate with and act as consultants for the staff, family and student. The nurse will provide instruction and support to the student and family.

Responsibility of the School

1. Any student within the school corporation suspected of having head lice may be examined.
2. Any sibling or close contact of the infected student who is within the school corporation may be examined.
3. Confidentiality must be maintained.
4. An individual will be sent home upon evidence of living lice.
5. Instruction in treatment with an FDA approved product will be provided to the caregiver for any student sent home.
6. When the individual returns to the school after a substantiated case of head lice, and proper treatment has been given, he or she should be examined by the school nurse.

Transportation Responsibilities

1. When a child has been diagnosed with an active case of head lice, the parent, guardian, or designated person on the current health information sheet will be contacted to transport the child home. Parents or guardians of students who drive to school will be contacted before the student is sent home.
2. In rare situations when the school personnel have communicated with persons listed as contacts for the student, and no transportation is available, the child will be sent home at the end of the day by the regular means for that student. This may be by bus or by individual transportation.