

Head Lice

Administrative Procedures

As we know, lice are considered a nuisance and not a communicable disease and where many children are together increases the chances of sharing head lice. There is continued emphasis around not excluding children from the learning environment as a result of what is deemed a "nuisance" and not a communicable concern. Additionally, we are required to maintain confidentiality and may only inform the adults directly educating the child. Where there is a report of head lice, we will follow the below Administrative Procedures.

- If there is a single case of lice reported by a parent, we are to inform the child's teacher and not all families within the designated classroom.
- Where there are two or more cases of lice in the same classroom, the principal will work with the classroom teacher to determine which form of communication will be sent to all families within the given classroom, such as a letter sent home with children, or written robo communication. Teacher/s will remind children not to share hats, etc. In addition, an Oakland County Fact Sheet will be provided with the embedded resource link on Head Lice.
- If there are multiple cases within one classroom and also classrooms in the same grade level, a letter will be sent to all families within the same grade level. In addition, an Oakland County Fact Sheet will be provided with the embedded resource link on Head Lice. <https://www.oakgov.com/home/showpublisheddocument/12210/638088418575230000>

Throughout the winter months, there will be a section dedicated in each elementary school's newsletter reminding parents to check their child regularly and to connect with the main office should any family need lice shampoo or a copy of the Oakland County Head Lice tip sheet.