

Salt Lake City School District
S – 9 Form (See Policy and Administrative Procedures)

Title: Notification of Head Lice

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School Letterhead

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Date: _____

_____ It appears that your child has head lice. Treat your child and family according to the instructions below.

_____ There is a case of head lice in your child's classroom/or in the school. Be sure and check your child's hair daily for signs of infestation.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Lice are never an emergency, but simply a nuisance. However, head lice are highly contagious. Check your child for signs of head lice. The bugs are brownish, small, flat, wingless insects. They do not jump or fly. They can live only on a person, never on pets. The eggs, or nits, are small, gray-white, and tear shaped. The nits are firmly attached to the hair shaft.
2. What has been proven scientifically to work as well as any medicated shampoo is to simply brush wet hair for 15 minutes and then use a hair dryer for at least 10 minutes at the highest temperature your child can tolerate. This way you can have your child back to school in an hour.
3. If the live head lice remain or return:
 - a. Buy lice medication at the pharmacy or grocery store.
 - b. Follow the directions on the package.
 - c. Treat all members of the family.
 - d. The treatment must be repeated in 7-10 days. (30% of eggs remain viable after treatment, which necessitates a second treatment.)
 - e. Lice have become resistant to many of the medications. Use only ONE medication for TWO treatments only, 7-10 days apart.
 - f. NEVER, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES USE THE MEDICATION LINDANE.
 - g. Put on clean clothes. Wash all clothes and bedding in hot water. Don't forget coats and combs.
 - h. Pick out all nits. No medication can kill all bugs and eggs. Use a fine tooth comb or your fingernails.
 - i. Vacuum all carpets and upholstered furniture well. Vacuum every day for the next 10 days. Don't forget to vacuum the car as well.
 - j. Check your child's hair DAILY for re-infestation.
 - k. Instruct your child not to share combs, hats, or sit and braid or play with another child's hair.
 - h. Items that cannot be washed should be placed in an airtight plastic bag for two weeks.

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