

Policy Code: 4403 Head Lice Control

Any student identified with head lice will be sent home at the time live bugs are found for treatment of the lice and removal of nits (eggs) from the hair. A packet containing lice and nit removal instructions will be sent home for the parents. It should be counted as an excused absence if a student is sent home prior to having been at school long enough to get counted present for the day. Students should return to school no later than the following day. Returning students should be accompanied by an adult and report to the school office to be screened again by the school designee for any remaining live lice. If live lice are found after being checked, the student should return home for an oil treatment or other alternative non-chemical treatment. It will be treated as the same occurrence. A student will be excused no more than two (2) back-to-back days for three (3) occurrences due to the presence of live lice. The family will be referred to the school nurse and/or student services (social worker or school counselor) for assistance as needed to review treatment and removal efforts, give suggestions to remedy the problem, and assist the family with a plan. All unexcused absences are subject to the consequences as set forth in the Thomasville City Schools' attendance policy. Every effort should be made to keep the child in attendance to remain on track academically. Legal Reference: Adopted: