

NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA HEAD START

No Nit Head Lice Policy

NESD Head Start follows a No Nit Head Lice Policy to prevent the spread of head lice.

Procedure:

1. Head Start staff will conduct head checks the first day of class each week at centers.
2. Head checks will be conducted at each home base group or at the home visit just before each group session.
3. Head checks will be done if a child is scratching their head or complains of an itchy head.
4. When head lice or nits are found, or reported by the parent, the staff will provide information on the treatment for head lice. Head Start can provide the family with head lice shampoo to treat any member of the family that needs treatment.
5. If head lice or nits are found on a child, the parent will be notified to pick up the child, and provide effective treatment before the child can be returned to class or group.
6. Personal belongings will be separated from the other children's items until the child and their belongings are picked up by the parent.
7. The child will not be excluded from the classroom, but will be monitored closely to avoid close contact with others until the parent arrives.
8. The child will be allowed to return to class or group when treatment has been given and no lice or nits are found.

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