

**BARNSTEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Head Lice (*Pediculosis capitis*)**

This policy discusses screenings, exclusion, and re-admittance:

- Students with “adult” lice will be sent home for treatment; a form letter will be sent home with the student’s classmates alerting the other parents and requesting continual checking at home.
- The school nurse will re-screen the student upon reentry the next school day, before the student goes back to class.
- Students with “nits” (eggs) and no adults seen will remain in school and parents notified of the status. These students will also be re-screened to monitor progress of nit removal as well as possible presence of adults. A form letter will be sent home with classmates alerting the other parents and requesting continual checking at home.
- The school nurse will use professional judgement on re-admittance when nit removal may be incomplete, although a conscientious attempt was made by the parent.
- Information regarding head lice treatment will be provided both verbally and in writing, and community resources available for assistance will be discussed as needed.
- Information will be provided to staff and parents on how head lice are transmitted and treated.

It is important to remember that this is a screening for head lice; it does not take the place of routine checking at home by parents/guardians.

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