

SFUSD HEAD LICE PROCEDURE

Based on the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Centers for Disease Control, SFUSD now has a NO-LICE Policy.

- Designated school staff must inspect children with suspected head lice using disposable screening sticks. (Sticks are available through SFUSD warehouse catalog item #203418)
- If a student is found with live lice the student is excluded from school
- Each student identified with head lice must receive the following:
 1. “Exclusion” letter *
 2. “Guidelines for Parents to Control Head Lice” information*
 3. “A Parent’s Guide to Head Lice” brochure* (optional)
- Send the “Parent Notification” letter and “Guidelines for Parents to Control Head Lice” to all children in the affected classroom.
- The student may be readmitted with a signed “Exclusion” letter
- Designated school staff are responsible for doing a follow-up inspection **one week after treatment.**
- Upon re-examination, if live lice are found, the student will be **excluded** and can be readmitted if **NO LIVE LICE** are found. Children will not be excluded for nits.
- Periodic reminders in parent newsletters for parents to inspect their children weekly act as a reminder and may keep this common condition under control.

Additional information regarding the California Department of Public Health’s Guidelines on Head Lice Prevention and Control for School Districts and Child Care Facilities can be found

www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/2009SchoolGuidelinesonHeadLice.pdf -

* “Guidelines for Parents to Control Head Lice” information, “Parent Notification” letter, “Exclusion” letter and “Parent’s Guide to Head Lice” brochure are available in the 2009-2010 School Health Manual in multiple languages and can be downloaded at www.healthiersf.org. Please use school letterhead and school administrator signature.