

## HEAD LICE

The SCSD has approved a head lice policy based on recommendations from the CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Association of School Nurses, and Harvard University. If a student is identified to have possible head lice while at school, a parent or guardian will be contacted and asked to take their child home for treatment. It is recommended to treat the affected child with an approved lice killing treatment, along with manual nit removal (because of the concerns with chemical exposure and drug resistance, lice treatments are not always as effective as manual removal techniques). All immediate family members and close contacts should also be examined and evaluated for possible presence of head lice and then treated as appropriate. Upon completion of treatment, the student may return to school with no restrictions or requirements. Within 7-10 days of the initial treatment, the Health Office will re-evaluate the student and advise parents, if required, as to the need for further treatment or care for continued head lice.

In addition, a LiceGuard RobiComb electronic lice comb is available in the Health Office as a non-chemical treatment option. If a parent is unable to come and pick up a student with suspected head lice in school, the Health Office staff may then use the RobiComb as an initial treatment so that the student may remain in school for the remainder of the day. It is still recommended that the student is treated at home as described above.

All cases of possible head lice will be kept in strict confidence for the wellbeing of the student or students involved. Parents and teachers are encouraged to notify the school Health Office of any suspected cases. Any need for mass classroom screenings will be determined by Health Office staff. Please contact the Health Office for assistance or more information on head lice.