

CHARLOTTE CENTRAL SCHOOL
LICE POLICY PROCEDURES

1. The school nurse will keep up-to-date and accurate information on the detection, treatment, and control of head lice and distribute this to staff, parents, guardians, and community on a regular basis. The School nurse will also maintain up-to-date information on the CCS web site on the Nurse's Office/Health Dept web pages.
2. Annually, a notice will be included in the summer mailing encouraging all parents/guardians to screen their children for head lice. Educational information about lice and the treatments will be enclosed.
3. During the school year, any staff person who suspects that a student has head lice shall report this immediately to the school nurse or the principal.
4. If the school nurse sees evidence that a student has lice:
 - His/her parents/guardians will be called and the student shall be sent home at the end of the school day.
 - The student will bring home educational material on lice and nits for the parents/guardians and detailed instructions for recommended home treatment and nit removal on Day 0 and Day 7 to Day 10. These treatments should be consistent with the Vermont Department of Health and Education guidelines.
5. Parents/guardians should be encouraged to contact health care providers if they suspect the treatment has failed.
6. When a student(s) has/have been found to have head lice:
 - All CCS families will be notified via email on the same day and a notice will be posted on the next newsletter to encourage parents/guardians to check their children's heads.
 - The principal will be mindful of a student's right to confidentiality when deciding the level of specificity to be made public.
7. Students identified as having lice may return to school as soon as:
 - The proper treatment is completed.
 - Parents/guardians will sign and return a form to the school nurse upon the child's return to school indicating that the initial proper treatment has been completed. This form will be included in the educational materials that are sent home outlining the recommended treatment.
8. If a major uncontrolled transmission situation occurs, a protocol for aggressive control will be implemented. This plan of aggressive control should, at minimum, include:
 - Notification of parents/guardians of all school students with appropriate educational materials and directions for monitoring their children for infestation
 - Implementation of environmental measures, such as separating hats, jackets etc.
 - The ensuring that treatment has been completed prior to a child's return to school if they have had a diagnosed case