



Head Lice Information

The Des Moines Public Schools have adopted treatment guidelines for managing head lice developed by the Iowa Department of Public Health. To keep the incidence of head lice from being transmitted, parents are asked to check their children for head lice **once a week** regularly and to treat those family members who have live lice or eggs in their hair.

The following links provide helpful information on Iowa's recommendations on head lice prevention and control for schools and a head lice fact sheet. An informative brochure from the Iowa Department of Public Health regarding the 14 day treatment guidelines can be found at:



Additional Resources:



Brochure:

www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/common/pdf/headlice_brochure.pdf

Fact sheet:

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/idph_universalhelp/main.aspx?system=IdphEpiManual&context=Lice_Factsheet_Genpublic

If you have questions about the head lice guidelines or need assistance in the treatment of head lice, please contact the school nurse.

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