

# NEWTON COUNTY ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL

Parents,

If your student has an active infestation of head lice, the State Department of Health recommends treatment with a shampoo that kills lice. There is a variety of shampoos available over the counter at your local Drug store. Other shampoos require a prescription. Use the shampoo as directed on the label. **All persons in the household who have head lice should be treated as well.** The infected person should remove all clothing, then dress in clean clothing. The bed linens used by the person with head lice should be removed from the bed and washed in hot water.

The Newton County School District policy states that students having evidence of head lice will not return to school, until the parent or guardian brings the child to be checked for lice by the school nurse. If the child's hair is clear of nits and lice, they may return to school. If they are not clear, they will be sent back home until there is no evidence of nits and lice found in the hair. When the student comes to be checked, please bring the box from the lice shampoo used to the school nurse.

If the same child is found with health lice three times during the same school year, the Welfare Department will be notified. A continued occurrence of this problem constitutes a form of neglect.

Thanks so much for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concern, you may contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

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