

## **Head Lice Treatment Instructions**

### Care of the student and family:

1. Treat all people living in the home with lice treatment on the same day. Follow the package directions carefully.
2. Don't use medications on children under two years of age or on pregnant or nursing mothers.
3. Don't treat an infested person more than three times with the same medication if it doesn't seem to work.
4. Don't mix head lice medications.
5. Don't use flammable or toxic substances, such as gasoline or kerosene. Products intended for animals should not be used to treat head lice in humans.
6. Remove dead lice and nits (eggs) from hair with a lice comb or with finger tips.
7. Repeat treatment in 7 days.

### Care of clothing, personal items and the home:

1. Wash all clothing and bed linens that have been used by the person in the past two days. Put pillows in a hot dryer for 30 minutes.
2. Vacuum all carpets and upholstered furniture. Dispose of the vacuum bag outside.
3. Seal stuffed animals and toys in a plastic bag for two weeks.
4. Don't use household pesticide sprays to rid lice in the home.

### Parent/ Guardian responsibilities:

1. If your child is excluded from school, have them treated and returned to school in no longer than 48 hours.
2. Check your child and family frequently for head lice.
3. Carry out a recommended treatment of the child and home.
4. Encourage your child to not share combs, brushes, hats or other personal items that could carry lice.
5. Report all cases of head lice of your child to school.