

North Shore Hebrew Academy

Lice - School Policy

NSHA believes that parents are responsible for each student's health and hygiene.

In order to keep the children in the classroom, parents are responsible to check their children on a regular basis and after vacations, or after guests visit. If lice or nits are found you must follow our recommended treatment plan (which is found on NSHA web site). You may also go to a reputable lice company and have your child treated. Please remember that failure to complete the treatment process could keep your child out of school longer than necessary.

The NSHA does its part by checking every child's hair three times a year:

1. At the beginning of school
2. After winter recess
3. After Pesach vacation

No child will be allowed back in school until written clearance is given, to the school nurse or representative, by a reputable lice company.

To avoid a lice epidemic we have established the following guidelines:

1. Parents of a child found to have **LIVING LICE** or **ONE OR MORE NITS** will be asked to take that child home immediately.
2. Parents will be given a set of recommended instructions from the school nurse or representative. While we think it unnecessary, there are a number of places that will detect and remove lice/nits (please note that the NSHA does not endorse any particular company).
3. The child will not be readmitted to school for 24 hours, the minimal time needed for a thorough cleaning of the child's hair, clothing and household items.
4. A note may be sent home advising that your child may have been exposed to lice.
5. Plastic bags may be distributed to the students of that class for individual coats and hats.
6. The child may be rechecked by the school nurse or representative for any infestation after 7 days, but it is your responsibility to check your child on a regular basis.
7. School dress code policy requires that all children with long hair wear their hair pulled back (e.g., in a pony tail, braid, pigtailed, bandanna, etc...) during the school day, including after school activities at NSHA and on the school bus. Gels, hair products and hairspray are also a good way to prevent lice transmission.

Thank you for your help.