

Lice Policy

Alternative Family Education

- **No Nit Policy:** The first time students are found with nits (before any treatments have been done) there is a likelihood of live lice, too, even if they have not been found. Anytime nits within ½ inch of the scalp or lice are discovered at school on an individual student, that family will be informed immediately and the student will need to go home and be treated.
- **Treatment:** The responsibility for ending the infestation lies at home. It is after the first treatments that there may be live nits remaining but no live lice. After treatment the family needs to remove nits within ½ inch of the scalp and check daily for a week. With continued daily treatments (washing and nit picking), there should be no more live lice.
- **Notify Families:** When a case of lice is discovered at or reported to school, all AFE families will be informed immediately (without the use of specific names) via signs at school, class announcements, and AFE Yahoo email, so that preventive actions may be taken at home.
- **Notify the School:** For our cooperative efforts to be successful it is important that the consultant teacher or the BSSC Health Clerk (429-3898 x200) be alerted whenever a family determines at home that a student has lice.
- **Follow-up:** Students will be re-examined by the Health Clerk upon return to school, and may be spot-checked by the Health Clerk for up to 2 weeks. In the event that nits/lice are found again, the student must return home for further treatment.

The primary responsibility for checking scalps remains with the family throughout.

- **Checking Scalps at School: School staff has the right and the responsibility to check students when we think that they may have been exposed to a contagion (Education Code 49472). Parents may submit in writing a request that their student(s) not be subjected to a physical exam, but if there is suspicion that such a student on campus may be contagious, the student will need to be sent home.**
- **Information:** Information packets from the district nurse are available on the parent bulletin board.