



Gladewater ISD- Health Services

Bed Bug/Flea Procedure

Bed bug/flea infestation in school/classrooms are uncommon. More commonly, a few bugs may be found on the student's clothing/backpack from an infested home.

Things to Avoid:

- Overreacting- Sighting does not mean an infestation.
- Closing school-there is usually no need to close the school or send students home.
- Stigmatizing or excluding students who you suspect may have brought bugs to school.

When a bug is found on a student:

- The student should be discreetly removed (with belongings) from the classroom to the campus nurse office or the campus principal office.
- Any bugs should be removed and collected for identification.
- If a confirmed bed bug or flea was found on a student; that student parent or guardian will be contacted.
- Students should not be excluded from school. Schools should not be closed due to bug presence.
- Students should return to class as soon as bugs are removed.
- Student's belongings (coat, backpack, etc.) will be kept in a closed plastic container to avoid spread until controlled.

Classroom Inspection/Elimination:

- Do not allow untrained staff to apply pesticides on school property.
- Alert GISD Maintenance and campus custodians of the situation for pest control measures.
- Backpacks, lunchboxes, coats and other items that travel back and forth to the school from home can be inspected daily and sealed in a closed plastic container to prevent spread.
- Hard surfaces can be cleaned with standard products, classrooms may be vacuumed multiple times, any soft items (pillow, blankets, stuffed animal) must be removed for the classroom and returned after proper laundering (dryer on high temperature for 30 minutes).