



Gladewater ISD

Health Services

Pediculosis (Head Lice) Guidelines

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Gladewater ISD Board of Trustees and school administrator's main concern is regarding the safety, health, and wellbeing of the students within the district. We would like to ensure the safest environment possible for each student while they are on our campuses.

Pediculosis, or head lice are not known to transmit disease, however, secondary bacterial infections of the skin resulting from scratching can occur with any lice infestation. The Texas Department of Health leaves head lice policies up to the school district to determine.

At **Gladewater ISD** exclusion from school during the course of head lice will follow the guidelines below:

LIVE BUGS and NITS- If live lice or nits are found, the student will be excluded from school until treated.

The child may return to school after meeting the following criteria:

1. Treatment with pediculicide shampoo
2. A signed parent note or treatment box indicating what shampoo was used and the date of the treatment
3. Student must be checked by the school nurse prior to re-entry to class

Remember that MANUAL or MECHANICAL removal of nits (eggs) is essential for treatment success.

Thank you,

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