

HEAD LICE

Bethel Public Schools has a no-nit policy regarding head lice (Pediculosis Capitis).

Early detection and screening for head lice at home and school is the best way to prevent the spread of the pesky parasite. Head lice is not a serious communicable disease; however, it has serious social and economic effects on the student's family.

Students found to have head lice or nits will be sent home immediately. To reenter school, the student "shall present to the appropriate school authorities, before the child may reenter school, certification from a health professional or an authorized representative of the State Department of Health that the child is no longer afflicted with head lice." (70 O.S. § 1210.194) Infestation is defined as harboring any nits, nymphs, or adult head lice.