

Head lice Protocols

All Holmes County Schools have a nit free policy. Should a student be found positive for nits or head lice the student shall be sent home and the following protocol will be utilized.

Return to School:

- (1) To be readmitted to school, the student must be free of head lice and nits.
- (2) School nurses or techs at Bethlehem, Poplar Springs, and Ponce de Leon Elementary and High Schools may clear students to return to school. It is preferable that the child be brought to school by the parent to be cleared. In the event that the parent is not present, the child will be checked, and if head lice or nits are found again, the child will be sent to the office for office personnel to notify the child's parent or guardian. It is preferable that clearance checks be done before school from 7:30-8:00 a.m. and from 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- (3) Holmes county High School, Bonifay Elementary and Bonifay Middle School will continue to be checked at the Health Department on Monday-Thursday 7:30-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-4:00 for Friday 7:30-9:00 a.m.
- (4) Their private physician can also clear students for head lice.

Other:

- (1) Absences fro school due to head lice exceeding three days will be referred to the appropriate school officials. A telephone call or home visit may be made by School Health Staff to assist with problem cases. If the student continues to be absent, the school attendance or resource officer will be contacted.