

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS  
OF A STUDENT WITH  
HEAD LICE**

If your child has live lice:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Inform the school public health nurse or clinic room aide at your child's school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check the hair of everyone in the household.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consult your pediatrician or public health nurse for treatment information. Treatment with a FDA-approved antipediculosis product should be given to those people who have live lice except children under two years of age and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding. See brochure for description of lice found on the FCPS website <http://www.fcps.edu/ss/StudentServices/StudentRegistration/healthservices.htm> .
- \_\_\_\_\_ After the initial treatment, complete a Lice Treatment Verification form, which can be obtained from the school clinic. Return the form to your child's school clinic before the child returns to school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean clothing, bedding, and soft toys using hot water and hot dryers (for at least 20 minutes) or by dry cleaning. Items that cannot be washed should be sealed in a plastic bag for two weeks.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vacuum carpeting, upholstery, and car seats.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Disinfect combs and brushes and then wash in hot water daily. Disinfecting is done by soaking combs and brushes in lice shampoo for four minutes or boiling them in water for ten minutes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Retreat your child eight to ten days after initial treatment and return the second Lice Treatment Verification form to the school clinic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check your child's hair daily and manually remove nits for the two weeks following the initial treatment. Continue to check your child's head weekly for four weeks.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consult with your doctor, school public health nurse, or local health department for more information.