

**WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

HEAD LICE PROTOCOL

Based on facts that head lice are not known to cause any disease, that no-nit policies have not been shown to be effective in preventing the spread of lice, and that children miss valuable educational time every year due to no-nit policies, we will change our practice from a "no-nit" to a "no live lice". This new practice is based on evidence and research and will greatly benefit the children and schools in our community. If live lice are found, the student will be excluded until he/she has been treated and lice removed. It will be the parent's responsibility to regularly check, treat and remove any lice/nits.

Students must be checked by the school nurse before returning to school.