



## **Lice Policy**

Bridges Preparatory School is committed to maximizing students' academic performance and physical well-being in a healthy and safe environment for all students. With this in mind, we have adopted the following lice policy:

- Students who are found to have head lice will be excluded from school until: they are treated with an over the counter or prescription lice elimination product or they go to a Lice Treatment Center.
- Students typically return to school the next morning after being sent home for treatment but will be excused for 24 hours. After this 24 hour period, students will need a parent note to excuse their absence(s) and any absence that extends beyond 4 days will require a doctor's excuse (refer to Bridges Preparatory School's Attendance Policy for more information).

After students are treated, they will need to be rescreened by the school nurse the morning they return to school. Parents may want to accompany their student into the front office to wait while their child is rescreened. If live lice are found upon rescreening, parents will need to take the student back home to remove the lice and retreat according to the lice product's package directions.

- Once no live lice are found upon rescreening, the student may return to their classroom. Students who still have nits present will be rescreened periodically to make sure no live lice are found.
- Since lice eggs/nits hatch in 1 to 2 weeks, treatment may need to be repeated in 7 to 10 days or according to the product's package directions, to kill any new lice that may have hatched.
- If you do not remove all the nits, the head lice will return. Nit removal needs to be done daily until all nits are gone. This includes combing through your child's hair with a nit comb and picking nits out by hand when necessary.
- If your student's head lice persists, after the initial treatment and the first repeat treatment, contact your student's doctor to get appropriate care since some lice (called super lice) may be resistant to over-the-counter head lice treatments. At this point, a doctor's note would be required for the student to return to school.