

# Head Lice

Lice outbreaks are common among school children and **any child** may become infested. It is crucial for the adults in a child's life to remain calm and matter-of-fact in the process of clearing up the infestation so that the child can view the experience as a nuisance that can be controlled. If you find evidence of lice on your child, please notify your school nurse **immediately**. Your school nurse will help you with the procedures for treatment and will be vigilant with other students in the school setting. Tempe Union High School District nurses have prepared a checklist for you to use in eradicating lice. [Access the checklist here.](#) Careful shampooing with a special shampoo called pediculicide and removal of all "nits" or eggs is the effective treatment.

**The school nurse must readmit students who have been treated.** Please call the school nurse to make arrangements for your student to be checked for re-entry to school. Remember that although direct head to head contact is the usual method of transmission, kids get head lice...schools do not. Following treatment, your child is not permitted to ride the bus until checked by the school nurse.