

## LICE INFESTATION AND NO-NIT POLICY

As an effort to curb and control the outbreak of pediculosis, the Sevier County Board of Education will follow these guidelines:

### FIRST OCCURRENCE

- \* If a child is found to be infested with lice and/or nits, the parent or guardian will be called to the school.
- \* The parent or guardian will be required to take the child(ren) from the school. A page or recommendations will be given to the parent or guardian in order to effectively deal with all clothing, bedding, cloth toys, combs, hair brushes, etc., which may harbor the lice.
- \* The parent or guardian will be given the preferred pediculicide (shampoo) with instructions for the proper use.
- \* The parent or guardian will be instructed that the child(ren) be treated and returned to school within three calendar days or on the next school day following the expiration of the three calendar days time limit should the three day requirement fall on a day in which school is not in session. A child may return to school within the three day requirement if they become lice AND nit free.

### SECOND OCCURRENCE

Within a one-month span of time, the same procedures listed above and with a particular effort to counsel the parent or guardian to insure that the correct procedures were followed after the first occurrence. Additionally, the parent or guardian will be made aware of the consequences of a third occurrence within a one-month span of time.

### THIRD OCCURRENCE

Within a one-month span of time of the second occurrence, the procedures listed in the first occurrence will be followed. Additionally legal action will be pursued to compel the parent or guardian to comply with all recommendations given them by school and/or medical personnel.

### REPEATED OCCURRENCES

Four or more occurrences of lice infestation (as determined by school or medical personnel) in a semester may result in days missed because of that infestation being treated becoming unexcused absences.

Any failure to comply with the three calendar day requirement, as listed under the first occurrence, will result in a referral to the school system attendance department.