

## Head Lice “Press Release”

The Marion Independent School District has a written strategy on dealing with head lice. As a part of a community plan, the MISD will support families by emphasizing prevention, and early detection and education as the best education controlling head lice.

Pediculosis (head lice) represents a common communicable childhood condition, an acknowledged “problem” with raising and caring for children. Community involvement is very important, and families must actively participate at home in the treatment and prevention of head lice. **Head checks should be done at home as a weekly routine for preschool and school age children.** The plan established by the Marion Independent School District is designed to be family friendly and sensitive to individual needs. Our goal is to support families and keep kids where they need to be-in school!

Students with signs and symptoms of head lice will be referred to the school health office for evaluation and recommendations for treatment.

This plan emphasizes comprehensive education and community involvement. Enhanced support will be offered to families. Working together, we can minimize the impact of head lice in our schools and communities.

This plan was developed after reviewing the recommendations of the Linn County Public Health Department, Iowa Department of Public Health, National Association of School Nurses, American Academy of Pediatrics and the Harvard School of Public Health.