

HEAD LICE

Head lice live on the human head and lay eggs called nits which stick to the hair.

Head lice crawl very fast, but they don't hop skip or jump from head to head.

Head lice infestation is not a life threatening medical condition.

Encourage your child to not share combs, hats or other clothing with other children and check your child's head on a regular basis (for instance, every Sunday evening.)

If your child is sick or injured at school, you will be called to pick him/her up. Please be sure the school has your current home and office phone number.

IF YOU FIND HEAD LICE

Use a commercial product designated to get rid of head lice, which may be obtained from your doctor or local drugstore.

Be sure to follow the directions carefully. Don't overuse these products. For advice on alternative treatments consult your medical provider.

Do find and remove all eggs (nits) from the hair.

Do check your child's head every day for two weeks to be sure no eggs were missed by combing hair with a nit comb.

Do check all members of the family or household and treat only those members affected.

Do wash linens and bedding in hot water and dry thoroughly.

Do vacuum carpets, pillows, mattresses, upholstered furniture and car seats.

Do place stuff animals/objects in a sealed bag for 2 weeks.

Do soak brushes, combs, and other hair objects in hot water for at least 10 minutes.

**Putnam County School District has a
"No Nit Policy"**



SCHOOL HEALTH (BASIC) SCREENINGS SICKNESS VACCINES MEDICATIONS

**School Health Services
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Palatka, FL 3177
386-326-3200
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The Florida Department of Health In Putnam County and The Putnam County School District work together for the health and safety of the students in our county.

Examinations and Screenings

How well your child sees and hears can affect his/her ability to learn.

Florida Statute 1003.22 requires any child who is entering a Florida school for the first time to present proof of a physical examination. This exam must include a review of all body systems performed by a licensed medial provider within 12 months prior to enrollment. A yearly physical exam is recommended as well as twice a year dentist visits for all children.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

When possible, give medications at home!

School Personnel will administer approved medications to students during the school day when it is necessary to help the child stay in school.

In order to administer medication or treatment to your child at school, the following conditions must be met:

1. A Medication/Treatment Authorization Form signed by you and your doctor for any medications to be administered in school (including over the counter medications) must be on file in school as required by law.
2. Medication must be in the original prescription or un-opened over the counter container labeled with the child's name, medication name, dosage, and times to be administered. (any medication that needs to cut should be cut before it is brought to the school)
3. Parent/guardian must deliver the signed Medication/Treatment Authorization Form and medication directly to the school health room or assigned school board employee so that medications can be accepted and counted.

SCREENINGS

Scoliosis Screening (spine screening) Scoliosis is a side to side curvature of the spine that is detectable in children of middle school age. Early treatment can prevent the condition from becoming severe. Scoliosis screening will be conducted on students in 6th grade according to state mandates.

Vision and Hearing Screenings are done in grades Kg, 1, 3, 6 & 9

Height and Weight Measurements Screenings are done in grades Kg, 1, 3, 6 & 9

Other screening information: Parents may request in writing for any screening at any grade level. Any parent wishing to opt their child out of a screening must do so in writing.

If your child should fail vision, BMI, hearing or scoliosis screenings, you will receive a letter with information and/or follow-up instructions. The screening and follow-up results will be noted in your child's health record.

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK

Do not send your child to school if she/he is sick or has:

- bad cough
- eye infection
- diarrhea
- vomiting
- severe sore throat
- fever: must be free of fever without medication for at least 24 hours
- skin rash: your child needs a note from a healthcare provider that she/he is not contagious.

IMMUNIZATIONS

State of Florida Statute 1003.22 requires all students entering and attending school to present a Florida Certification of Immunization form (DH680) or Religious Exemption form (DH681) to the school. You can get these forms from the Florida Department of Health In Putnam County. Immunizations are FREE at the Florida Department of Health In Putnam County through the age of 18.

Bring shot records with you. Keep a record of all your child's immunizations. Always send an updated DH 680 form to school after any shots are received.

Immunization Requirements

Pre-Kindergarten

- 4 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
- 3 or 4 Polio
- 4 HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B)
- 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 1 Varicella (chicken pox)

Kindergarten & Grades 1-6:

- 5 DTaP
- 4 or 5 Polio
- 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 1 Varicella (chicken pox) required depending upon grade level.

Grades 7-12:

- 5 DTaP
- 4 or 5 Polio
- 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 1 Td or Tdap
- 1 Varicella (chicken pox)