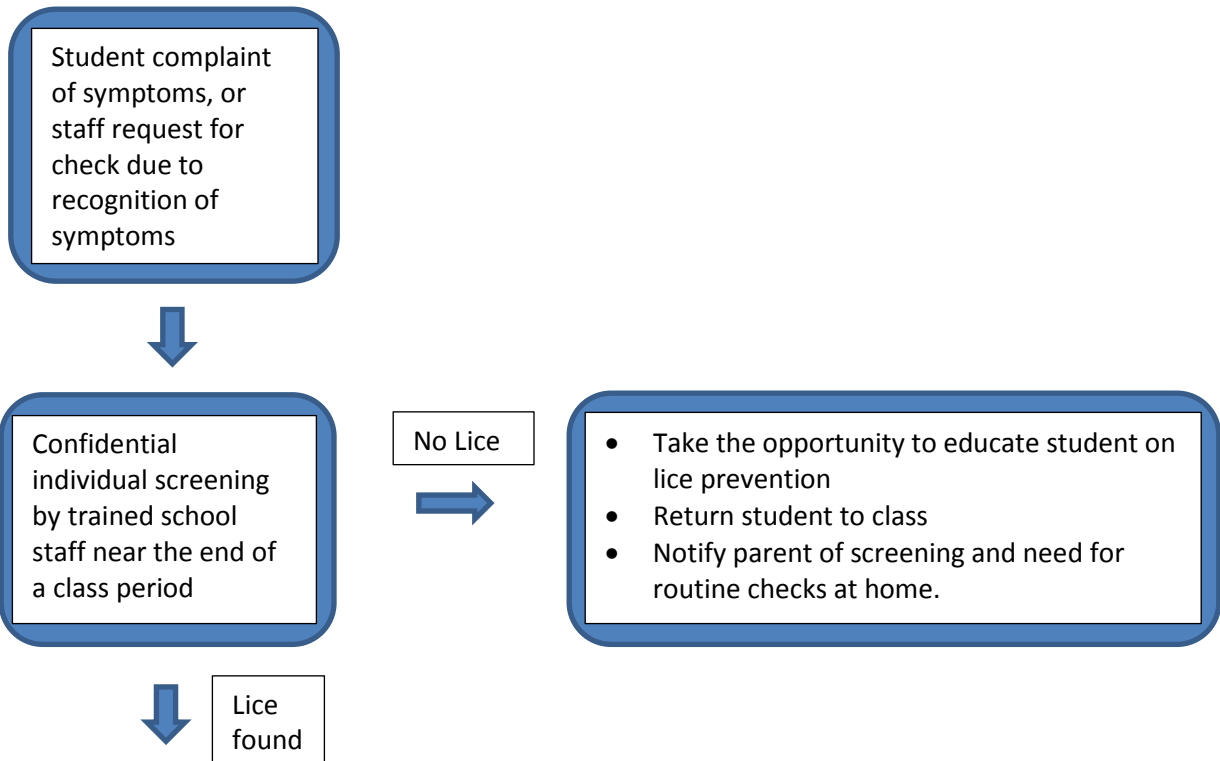


## Managing Presumed Head Lice in Schools



### Recommended Responses

- Educate student on avoiding head-to-head contact and sharing of personal items
- Notify parent/guardian of the findings of the screening
- Provide information to parent/guardian on the biology of head lice and methods to eliminate infestations
- Return student to next class period if parent will not be picking them up before the end of the school day

### Unjustified Responses

- Excluding or quarantining the student or his/her possessions
- Violating confidentiality of the affected student and his/her family
- Notifying other students and parents of minor health issues affecting classmates
- Mass screening of students for head lice and/or nits
- Applying insecticides to classrooms and buses
- Reporting cases of head lice to DHS
- Bagging of coats and clothes
- Restricting the use of headphones or helmets