



Department: Programs and Services
Section: Programs

- 1.0 The Principal or designate shall be responsible for ensuring that this policy is followed in his/her school.
- 2.0 Schools are to enlist the support and assistance of the Department of Health and Wellness and health professionals to ensure that protocols, procedures, and practices are in place to provide education, information, and support to students and families with regard to the management of head lice.
 - 2.1 Such protocols and procedures include:
 - how infestations are reported and handled
 - what supports and information are made available
 - how schools might check for wider infestations
 - appropriate treatments and courses of action
- 3.0 Students may be asked to go home for treatment/appropriate action if an infestation of live head lice is discovered.
 - 3.1 Such a request must be carried out in a sensitive and respectful fashion with appropriate support from the school and the Department of Health and Wellness and/or other health professionals.
 - 3.2 Students may be permitted to return to school following confirmation of effective treatment.
 - 3.3 The Board acknowledges the Department of Health and Wellness position that there is no evidence to support that a no-nit practice is effective in preventing the spread of head lice.
- 4.0 **Note:** Special care must be taken to ensure that students/families who have had recurring infestations of head lice receive the extra support that they may require and that such students/families are not isolated or discriminated against in any manner.
- 5.0 Repeated infestations that interfere with the orderly operation of the school may result in the request by the school for direct intervention with the student and the student's family by the Department of Health and Wellness.
 - 5.1 Continuation of repeated infestations that interfere with the orderly operation of the school by adversely affecting the capability of students to behave in an orderly manner, and learn, may be considered disruptive behaviour under the AVRSB BP/AP 402.7 – Student Code of Behaviour.

Monitoring:

- The Director of Programs and Services shall be responsible for the implementation, monitoring and revision of the administrative procedures.
- This administrative procedure will be monitored annually.

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