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[Policy JLCCB](#)**Identification and Treatment of Students with Head Lice**

The Pine Creek School Division believes that the task of identifying and controlling head lice is the responsibility of parents, students, the community, Public Health and the School Division. It is a problem that all must work cooperatively to solve.

The Pine Creek School Division encourages parents, students, and all staff to be aware of the methods and procedures used to effectively treat and control head lice. Information is to be made available to parents and students annually and at other times when it is deemed necessary by the Principal of the school. The School Division believes that education is an effective method to control and treat lice and supports convening parent meetings and the distribution of pamphlets, newsletters, and articles as a method of educating the public, the students, and the staff.

The following procedures shall be utilized upon suspicion of head lice in the school:

1. Upon detection of live head lice or nits, the student(s) shall be excluded from class as soon as possible. The school shall do this in a manner that respects the student's right to privacy and causes minimal embarrassment.
2. The principal shall notify the Health Nurse. The Health Nurse, or an authorized, trained alternate shall be invited to come to the school to check the student(s) and to verify the diagnosis.
3. The parents of excluded students are to be notified immediately by telephone by the principal to make arrangements for the student(s) to return home.
4. The principal may request the Health Nurse to determine the necessity for doing further checking of siblings and other students in the schools.
5. The school shall send a letter and the information pamphlets to the parents of all students in the classrooms where head lice have been identified. The letter and pamphlet serve the purpose of advising parents of the situation and what they can do to help prevent the further spread of the lice.
6. The school principal shall request the Health Nurse to advise the parents of a student with head lice of the proper treatment procedures.
7. The student(s) identified as having head lice will be re-admitted to school when the principal is assured by the Health Nurse/or an authorized, trained alternate that the student(s) has been properly treated and there are no nits in the student's hair.