

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (FRASER-CASCADE)

POLICY

NO: **5500**
DATE: 2000-06-27
REVISED: 2003-04-22

SUBJECT: **HEAD LICE**

It is recognized that head lice infestations are considered by public health as a nuisance condition.. The Board of School Trustees for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) believes it is necessary to remain pro-active in dealing with head lice. By working cooperatively with the public health nurse and parents or guardians, the Board desires that schools remain well informed regarding identification and treatment of head lice.

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REGULATIONS

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Procedures for the Control of Head Lice and/or Nits

1.
 - a. Information regarding the detection and treatment of head lice will be distributed to parents or guardians of all elementary schools.
 - b. The package of materials will be developed in collaboration with Fraser Valley Health Authority.
 - c. The school Principal is responsible for the distribution of materials in September of each school year.
 - d. Principals will also distribute copies of the Head Lice Policy and Regulation.
2.
 - a. Schools are encouraged to develop a screening process using trained volunteers to conduct head lice inspections. The Public Health Nurse should be consulted to provide the necessary training in developing the process. The involvement of the school's Parent Advisory Committee is encouraged. Notification to parents or guardians describing the screening process should take place before the process is put into practice.
 - b. Upon confirmation of head lice, the infested student will remain in the classroom pending contact with the parent or guardian.
 - c. The parent or guardian will be contacted and requested to take the child home as soon as is practical to begin treatment. Treatment options recommended by South Fraser Public Health will be shared.
 - d. In cases, where treatment was ineffective as determined by the school, it may be necessary to request that the student remain at home pending successful treatment. If it is necessary for the student to be absent from school to receive treatment, the school will ensure that the student's educational program continues by providing homework as appropriate.
 - e. Where parents or guardians require supplementary information and support in dealing with a head lice problem, it is recommended that a public health nurse be involved through South Fraser Public Health. Support for school principals is also available through Student Services in the school district.