

Windham School District

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

This policy is adopted to carry out the provisions of RSA 200:32, RSA 200:38, and RSA 200:39.

Management on the Day of Diagnosis

The Board recognizes that head lice infestation poses little risk to others and does not result in additional health problems. The management of pediculosis should proceed so as to not disrupt the education process. Nonetheless, any staff member who suspects a student has head lice will report this to the school nurse or Principal. Students known to have head lice will remain in class provided the student is comfortable. If a student is not comfortable, he/she may report to the school nurse or principal's office. Such students will be discouraged from close direct head contact with others and from sharing personal items with other students. District employees will act to ensure that student confidentiality is maintained so the child is not embarrassed.

The Principal or school nurse will notify the parent/guardian by telephone or other available means if their child is found to have head lice. Verbal and written instructions for treatment will be given to the family of each identified student. Instructions will include recommendations for treatment that are consistent with New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services recommendations.

Legal References: *RSA 200:32, Physical Examination of Pupils, RSA 200:38, Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases: Duties of School Nurse, RSA 200:39, Exclusion from School, American Academy of Pediatrics, Clinical Report on Head Lice Infestation, September 2002*

<http://aappolicy.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/pediatrics;110/3/638>

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