

## **REGULATION #9630.1 HEAD LICE**

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1. Information regarding the detection and treatment of head lice will be distributed to parents of all elementary schools.
  - 1.1. The package of materials will be developed in collaboration with South Fraser Public Health.
  - 1.2. The school Principal is responsible for the distribution of materials in September of each school year.
  - 1.3. Principals will also distribute copies of the Head Lice Policy and Regulation.
  
2. **PROCEDURES:**
  - 2.1. Schools are encouraged to develop a screening process using trained volunteers to conduct head lice inspections. The Public Health Nurse is available to provide the necessary training in developing the process. The involvement of the school's Parent Advisory Committee is encouraged. Notification to parents describing the screening process should take place before the process is put into practice.
  - 2.2. Upon confirmation of head lice, the infested student will remain in the classroom pending contact with the parent or guardian.
  - 2.3. 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.
  - 2.4. In rare cases it may be necessary to request that the student remain at home pending successful treatment. This decision will involve the principal, parent or guardian and the appropriate assistant superintendent and will take into account past history and school community context.
  - 2.5. 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 home work as appropriate.

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- 2.6. Where parents 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 administrators is also available through Student Support Services.

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