

Administrative Procedures Manual	Administrative Procedure 318
	Pediculosis (Head Lice)
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LEGAL REFERENCE:	Section 3, 11, 31, 32, 33, 52, 53, 196, 197, 222 Education Act Public Health Act

Background

The Division recognizes the concern represented by the transmission of pediculosis in schools and therefore encourages close communication between school staff, parents and public health nurses regarding the detection and resolution of instances of pediculosis. Care will be taken to protect the individual from undue invasion of privacy.

Procedures

1. School staff shall work with public health authorities and School Councils to describe and then communicate to parents both preventative and remedial procedures for dealing with instances of pediculosis. The [AP 318 Appendix - Health Information - Pediculosis \(Head Lice\)](#) to this Administrative Procedure is recommended as a reference.
2. When an instance of head lice is identified in the classroom, the Principal or designate will communicate to the parents of students in that particular classroom.
3. Students will not be permitted to return to school until they have undergone a recommended course of treatment.
4. Students with head lice will be checked upon their return by the Principal or designate.
5. Should live lice be found during this check, the student will not be allowed to return to school.
6. If there are ongoing concerns about particular cases not responding or being compliant with therapy, then the Principal or designate shall inform the Public Health Authority of these concerns.