

Hampton School District Policy	Section: <u>J</u> Code: JLCC Title: Management of Pediculosis R (Recommended) Page: 1 of 1
--------------------------------	---

MANAGEMENT OF PEDICULOSIS

Pediculosis: Infestation with head lice and the presence of nits (eggs).

Management on the Day of Diagnosis. Head lice infestation poses little risk to others and does not result in additional health problems. The management of pediculosis should proceed with minimal disruption to the educational process. Staff members who suspect a student has head lice will report this to the school nurse. If live lice or nits are found by the nurse, a parent/guardian will be notified. Individuals with lice will be discouraged from direct head to head contact with others and from sharing personal items.

The school nurse may provide information to families about head lice, treatment options, follow-up and preventative strategies for immediate resolution and periodically as needed school wide. Parents are encouraged to check their children’s heads regularly for head lice. Instructions will include recommendations for treatment that are consistent with New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services recommendations.

Based upon the school nurse’s recommendation, other individuals who were most likely to have had direct head-to-head contact with the affected child may be checked for head lice.

Criteria for Return to School: On the day a student returns to school he/she should be escorted by a parent/guardian to the nurse’s office to be rescreened. Students will be allowed to return to school after proper treatment as recommended by the school nurse. The Board recognizes that The American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses discourage “no Nit” policies. Recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics indicate no student should be excluded from attendance solely based on grounds that nits may be present. School-wide or class-wide screening alone is not an accurate way of predicting which children will become infested with head lice and screening for live lice has not been proven to have a significant decrease on the incidence of head lice in a school community.

*References: The NH Department of Health and Human Services
The American Academy of Pediatrics
The National Association of School Nurses*

Adopted:	Nov. 19, 2001, January 11, 2011, May 10, 2011, Feb. 12, 2013, June 9, 2015
Reviewed:	October 2010, January 11, 2011, Feb. 12, 2013, May 12, 2015
Revised:	January 2013 April 2015
Cancellation:	