

Whenever any student exhibits symptoms of contagion or is a hazard to oneself, or others he/she shall be excluded from the classroom and his/her parents or legal guardians shall be notified as soon as possible.

Pediculosis Policy: Routine exclusion of school-aged children with head lice is not recommended by the NH Department of Health & Human Services. The child's parents/legal guardian should be notified when head lice is identified by a care provider or teacher. The child's parent or legal guardian should be contacted and advised that prompt, proper treatment of this condition is in the best interest of the child and his/her classmates. A child should be allowed to return to school after proper treatment even if nits are still present. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses discourage "No Nit Policies" as they are not effective. Mass screenings are also not effective and should be discouraged, but close contacts should be checked.

Statutory References: RSA 200:38 Control & Prevention of Communicable Diseases: Duties of School Nurse; RSA 200:39, Exclusion from School; American Academy of Pediatrics, Clinical Report on Head Lice Infestations, September, 2002

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