

Pediculosis Capitis (Head Lice)

Background

The Division is committed to working with parents and Alberta Health Services to prevent and control head lice infestation.

The Assistant Superintendent, Corporate Services and the Director of Risk and Materials Management are responsible for the administration of this administrative procedure.

Procedures

1. Principals will work with Alberta Health Services to arrange for the provision of education and information regarding head lice prevention, control and treatment on an as needed basis.
2. Students with head lice will be identified, notified and supported in a confidential, nonjudgmental manner.
3. The parents of a student infested with head lice will be encouraged to keep their child from school and treat the infestation as suggested by Alberta Health Services.
4. The Principal shall inform parents of students in the affected student's class of the need to check their children for head lice. The letter sent home shall not identify the affected student.
5. Screening for lice may be conducted. Screening will be conducted in a confidential manner.

Reference: Relevant Legislation & Guidelines