



Policy: Head Lice

Policy Statement

This policy is designed to ensure a consistent school response in the event that head lice is detected in the school.

General Information

Head lice infestations are common in school children but are not associated with serious disease and are not a sign of poor hygiene¹. The Superior North Catholic District School Board recognizes that pediculosis (lice) is not a health issue but a social nuisance. Head lice do not carry or spread disease but their management remains a problem for school staff, parents and children. Outbreaks disrupt the educational program, may result in school days lost, and arouse strong emotions. It is hoped that, by bringing awareness to the topic of head lice, the stigma attached will be reduced.

Approval and Review Dates

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¹"Head lice infestations: A clinical update | Position statements and" 22 Sep. 2016, <http://www.cps.ca/documents/position/head-lice>. Accessed 14 Mar. 2017.