

**PROCEDURE FOR STUDENTS ASSESSED WITH HAVING
LICE/PEDICULOSIS**

- 1. If a student is assessed as having head lice, the parent or guardian shall be immediately informed and advised to contact their private healthcare provider and to proceed with recommended treatment.**
- 2. At the elementary level, the school nurse will notify the building administrator and will proceed to notify appropriate grade level parents with a letter that is sent home. At the MS/HS level, the school nurse will check contacts reported by affected student. The parents of the affected student will be advised to notify the parents of their child's most recent contacts. Further notification may be made determined upon the number of cases involved.**
- 3. Students will remain in class at the discretion of the registered professional nurse assessing the student. Determination will be made based on the severity of the infestation/comfort of the child and the availability of the parent/guardian.**
- 4. Students shall return to school after proper treatment. Parents are advised to accompany their child to the school nurse upon return to school.**
- 5. School nurses will advise each other of head lice occurrences of siblings.**

HEALTH (continued)

The board of education supports the professional judgment of the school nurses who in consultation with the school physician shall develop a district-wide protocol to deal with students who have head lice and nits. Information concerning pupils so infected shall be kept confidential in accordance with federal law.

The operation of the pupil health program shall be at all times in compliance with the rules and regulations of the state department of education, local board of health and the state department of health and senior services, and state department of human services. The board shall review and adopt the regulations developed to implement the district's health services.

Nonpublic School Pupils

The board shall provide mandated nursing services to nonpublic school pupils as required by law. See policy 5200.

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6, -6.1 Indemnity of officers and employees against civil actions ...
N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.6 et seq. Parents Right to Conscience Act of 1979
N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1 Employment of medical inspectors, optometrists and nurses; salaries; terms; rules