

**Administrative Procedure 316**

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**PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)****Background**

The Division recognizes the concern represented by the transmission of pediculosis in schools and therefore encourages close communication between school staff, parents and public health nurses regarding the detection and resolution of instances of pediculosis. Care will be taken to protect the individual from undue invasion of privacy.

**Procedures**

1. School staffs shall work with public health authorities and School Councils to describe and then communicate to parents both preventative and remedial procedures for dealing with instances of pediculosis. The Appendix to this procedure is recommended as a reference.
2. Students will not be permitted to return to school until they have undergone a recommended course of treatment.
3. If there are ongoing concerns about particular cases not responding or being compliant with therapy, then the principal or designate shall inform the Public Health Authority of these concerns.

Reference: Section 18, 20, 45, 60, 61, 113, School Act  
Public Health Act