

Policy

SWEDESBORO-WOOLWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD LICE POLICY

The Goals of the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District Lice Policy are to:

1. Decrease school absenteeism
2. Support families in their efforts to control and eliminate head lice
3. Maintain student privacy
4. Ensure our school nursing practice is within evidence based, current standards of care for our students.

PROCEDURES FOR HEAD LICE MANAGEMENT AT SCHOOL:

When a student is found to have live head lice, the school nurse will make an assessment and notify the parent or guardian. The student may be picked up for treatment, or it may be decided that the student will stay in school and be treated at home that night.

The school nurse will educate the parent on effective methods of home treatment and preventive methods. The nurse will refer the parent to contact their medical home for any specific treatment product recommendation.

When a student is found to have nits present but no live head lice, the student will not be excluded. The school nurse will notify the parent to encourage continued treatment at home.

Additionally:

1. There are no mass screenings of students by the nurse, and therefore no classroom screenings.

2. The school nurse will ensure that the classroom teacher is apprised of the situation and trained in the appropriate protocols to prevent the spread of head lice in the classroom.
3. The nurse will check any specific student if that student is demonstrating symptoms, such as itching.

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Key Words

Lice, Head Lice, Nits, Eggs, Pediculosis, Nurse,

Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:40-3</u>	Lectures to teachers
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:48-7 et seq.</u>	Exclusion of pupils who are ill
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:40-8</u>	Exclusion of pupils whose presence is detrimental to health and cleanliness
<u>N.J.S.A. 26:4-4</u>	Notice to local board to control disease; proceeding to compel action
<u>N.J.S.A. 26:4-6</u>	Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:1.1 et seq.</u>	Bylaw for the State Board of Education
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:2.1 et seq.</u>	Commissioner
<u>N.J.A.C. 8:52-7 et seq.</u>	Public health nursing
<u>N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.3</u>	Reportable diseases

www.nasn.org/ToolsResources/SCRATCHHeadLiceResources

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*3516	Safety
	*3542	Food service
	*4112.4	Employee health
	*4131/4131.1	Staff development

*4212.4	Employee health
*5111	Admission
*5125	Pupil records
*5141	Health
*5141.1	Accidents
*5141.2	Illness
*5141.3	Health examinations and immunizations
*5141.4	Child abuse and neglect
*5141.21	Administering medication
*5142	Pupil safety
*5200	Nonpublic school pupils
*6142.4	Physical education and health

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.