

School District No. 22 (Vernon) **POLICY**

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HEAD LICE INFESTATIONS IN THE SCHOOL

It is recognized that head lice infestations are considered by public health as a nuisance condition and as such do not pose a serious health problem. However, outbreaks of head lice in a school cause considerable disruption both in the classrooms and in the homes.

Management procedures have been cooperatively developed for schools, parent volunteers, and public health to follow in order to effectively manage outbreaks of lice infestations at school.

These procedures are regularly updated by Interior Health and can be found on their website at www.interiorhealth.ca.

Recommended directions are also provided for parents to be followed at the home. These procedures were developed to ensure students are free from head lice, to minimize the amount of valuable instructional time lost to students, and to assist parents in ridding the homes of any potential breeding grounds for the lice. In most instances, these procedures are successful in curtailing and eradicating the problem at the school and in the home.