

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

The following policy is adopted to carry out the provisions of New Hampshire Statutes RSA 200:38 and RSA 200:39.

Whenever any student has a contagious disease that presents a hazard to others, he/she will be excluded from the classroom and his/her parents or guardians shall be notified as soon as possible.

Any student who has been diagnosed to have a contagious disease will not be readmitted to school without a written clearance from a physician. The school nurse, under the direction of the school board, will have the sole discretion to allow the re-admittance of a student.

Pediculosis (Head-lice and nits):

The recommended approach is to treat head lice as a nuisance rather than a serious medical condition. Ideally students should not miss class time due to this issue. If a child is found to have head lice, the building administrator or school nurse will notify the parent/guardian by telephone or other means immediately. Verbal and written instructions for treatment will be given to the family of each identified student. Students will be allowed to return to school after proper treatment as recommended by the school nurse.

Legal References:

RSA 200:38, *Health and Sanitation: Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases; Duties of School Nurse*

RSA 200:39, *Health and Sanitation: Exclusion from School*

American Academy of Pediatrics, *Clinical Report on Head Lice Infestation, Sept. 2002*

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