



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

CONTROL OF HEAD LICE AND BED BUGS

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) is committed to maintaining healthy school environments for all students and staff. Though head lice and bed bugs are not a health or education issue, every district school board has a responsibility to work in partnership with local health units to help educate families in the identification, prevention and control of head lice and bed bugs. To help minimize the risk of infestations and the spread of either head lice or bed bugs, it is understood that standard precautions and procedures must be followed by NCDSB schools.

REFERENCES

Education Act

Porcupine and Timiskaming Health Units

NCDSB Administrative Procedure

APE027 Control of Head Lice and Bed Bugs

DEFINITIONS

Bed Bugs

Oval-shaped insects without wings that bite at night. Signs of bed bugs are bites or rashes on humans especially around the face, neck, upper torso, arms and hands.

Head Lice

Tiny insects that infest the scalp and hair of the human head.

Pediculosis

An infestation with head lice, usually involving less than ten live lice. Pediculosis is considered to be a nuisance and not a health hazard.

Nits

Nits are referred to as the eggs that lice lay on the head or scalp.

POLICY REGULATIONS

- 1.0 The parent/guardian is the primary person responsible for the management and treatment of head lice and/or bed bugs.
- 2.0 All staff members are expected to demonstrate the attributes that define our Board as a caring Catholic community. Issues and procedures related to head lice and/or bed bugs are to be dealt

with in a sensitive and respectful manner. At all times, students are to be treated with respect, dignity and with privacy.

- 3.0 The NCDSB will work with health community partners and school staff members to increase understanding and awareness of head lice and/or bed bugs as it relates to its identification, transmission and treatment.
- 4.0 Administrative procedures will accompany this policy and be reviewed regularly to ensure a consistent school response in dealing with head lice and/or bed bugs.