



<b>POLICY:</b>	ST: 09
<b>EFFECTIVE:</b>	Dec.15, 1998
<b>AMENDED:</b>	Oct. 9, 2007 April 21, 2020
<b>RELATED POLICIES:</b>	See References
<b>REPEALS:</b>	
<b>REVIEW DATE:</b>	2025-2026

## **1.0 OBJECTIVES**

- 1.1. The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board shall recognize that pediculosis (head lice) is not a health problem but a social nuisance.
- 1.2. The Board shall enable the development of a consistent school response, which is necessary to control this social nuisance.

## **2.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 2.1 The Board shall hold the Principals responsible for the development and delivery of educational programs for both staff and parents, as necessary. This shall be done in conjunction with the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.
- 2.2 In order to assist in the control of the spread of lice, school Principals shall exclude students found to have lice and/or nits until parents have completed a Confirmation of Treatment Form (Pr ST:09 Appendix B) ensuring that treatment has been implemented and all lice and/or nits have been removed.

## **3.0 SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES**

- 3.1 Administration shall develop procedures for the detection and control of pediculosis (head lice).

## **4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 Principals must ensure that the necessary information and notices are forwarded, and that following the discovery or report of pediculosis, all requirements are met before the students or staff having been identified as having pediculosis are permitted to return to school.
- 4.2 Parents are encouraged to learn how to identify head lice and nits and make the checking of hair a part of regular hygiene. If pediculosis is identified, the parent is

responsible for ensuring treatment is administered and a Confirmation of Treatment form is completed and returned to the Principal.

## **5.0 REVIEW AND EVALUATION**

- 5.1 The effectiveness of this policy shall be assessed through trustee, staff and community satisfaction measures.
- 5.2 This policy shall be reviewed during the 2025-2026 review cycle.

## **6.0 REFERENCES**

Board Procedure Pr ST: 09 Control of Head Lice and Nits