

Milton Town School District

Policy

F17: HEAD LICE

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The psychological, social and economic impact of head lice infestations can create a problem in the community. Recognizing that a sizeable number of cases exist from time to time, the Milton Town School District will take the necessary measures to reduce the loss of instructional time for students. This policy is based on current recommendations by the Vermont Department of Health and other public health organizations.

The Superintendent, using public health resources when necessary, will develop a plan detailing a system-wide approach to preventing and controlling the spread of a head lice infestation. The plan will include the following:

1. Identify partners who will need to collaborate such as parents and children, school nurses and other school personnel, child care providers, local physicians, town health officers, public health staff, community health clinic staff, community volunteers and other community and business members (e.g. dry cleaners, laundromats, pharmacies).
2. Provide in-service education for all staff with emphasis on diagnosis, mode of transmission, treatment, and control plans.
3. Prepare educational materials which will be distributed at least annually at the beginning of each school year to parents and students as well as immediately following any outbreak at school.
4. Institute school and classroom practices that include
 - o Assign individual hooks for student belongings.
 - o Have students keep their hats inside their coat sleeves.
 - o Permanently assign resting mats, towels or pillows and keep separate while in use or in storage.
 - o Discourage sharing of combs, brushes or hair ornaments.
 - o Limit the transporting of personal toys such as stuffed animals from home to school.

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Legal References: VT State Board of Education Manual of Rules & Practices, §2120.8.1.3.3
VT School Health Services Manual: Standards of Practice,
Appendix 29-A-1 through 29-A-8

Cross Reference: