

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. Therefore, a child shall not be denied admittance to school because of head lice.

Management and control of head lice is the responsibility of the school, the parent/guardian, and the community. The school has a role to play in educating staff, students, and parents about the early detection, treatment, and prevention of head lice infestations. Head lice infestation management procedures shall reflect current research on the detection and treatment of lice infestations. These procedures shall be reviewed on a regular basis. Students will not be subject to screenings by trained personnel or parent volunteers. All interventions should be collaboratively planned with the school principal and Vancouver Coastal Health. The dignity of the student and their family shall be respected in the implementation of this policy.