

**CODE F17
(Mandatory)**

HEAD LICE

Policy

It is the policy of the Chittenden South Supervisory Union and its member school districts (Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, Williston, and Champlain Valley Union) to take the necessary measures to reduce the loss of instructional time for students while recognizing the psychological, social and economical impact of head lice infestations. This policy is based on current recommendations by the Vermont Department of Health and other public health organizations.

Guidelines

Prevention strategies are an important part of controlling the spread of head lice. The administration, 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 training for all staff on identification, mode of transmission, treatment, and control plans, as needed.
3. Prepare educational materials which will be distributed as needed to parents and students.

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Chittenden South Supervisory Union	5/2/2008	5/28/08
Champlain Valley Union School District	5/28/2008	6/9/08
Charlotte School District	5/2/2008	8/12/08
Hinesburg School District	5/2/2008	6/19/08
Shelburne School District	5/2/2008	6/26/08
Williston School District	5/2/2008	6/11/08

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