



## XXX: Head Lice (P)

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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board of Education for the Pacific Rim School District recognizes head lice are common and may spread in any situation where individuals gather and are in close contact. This contact could happen at school, on buses, during social activities outside of school such as visiting, sleepovers, sports, birthdays and family get-togethers. The Board recognizes head lice are a nuisance but that they do not transmit disease. In keeping with Island Health Authority information and guidelines, the presence of head lice in a school shall not be considered a health hazard. The administrative procedure to this policy is intended to provide guidance to parents/guardians and school district employees for the detection and treatment of Head Lice on students.

The identification, management and treatment of head lice shall be a cooperative endeavor between the family and the school community, with primary responsibility resting with the parent/guardian. Public Health may be involved as a resource. It is important to note that the presence of head lice is not a reflection on the level of cleanliness or parenting skills of a home. The dignity of the student and family shall be respected in the implementation of this policy and steps will be taken to protect the child's self-esteem and social status in the classroom.

### **RESOURCES AND REFERENCES**

Pacific Rim School District Policy XXXX: Head Lice (AP)

Island Health Authority- [Head Lice - Island Health.pdf](#)

Island Health Authority, Management Guidelines - [head-lice-management.pdf](#)