

JLCC - COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The following policy is adopted to carry out the provisions of New Hampshire Statutes RSA 200:32, RSA 200:38, and RSA 200:39.

THROAT CULTURES - Whenever the School Nurse has reason to suspect a student is suffering from a throat infection, the Nurse shall contact the parent to arrange for follow-up by the family's physician.

Upon notification from the State Department of Health that the student has a positive result from the throat culture, the student shall immediately be excluded from school attendance by the School Principal, and may be re-admitted only on written certification by the student's physician.

PEDICULOSIS - The School Nurse shall conduct periodic examinations of students' heads at appropriate times. Such examinations may be of an entire class or of students selected at random. Such examinations shall be held in a private area so as not to cause any student(s) embarrassment.

Students found to have pediculosis (head lice and nits) by the School Nurse shall be immediately suspended from attendance. The student may be re-admitted only by the School Nurse after an examination.

Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

RSA 200:32 (Physical Examination of Pupils)

RSA 200:38 (Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases: Duties of School Nurse)

RSA 200:39 (Exclusion from School)

Handbook (Referenced in Handbooks)

APPROVED: FIRST READING AUGUST 2005, NHSBA POLICY – policy also includes a tuberculosis screening in grades 4, 8 & 12 to supplement the examination required, cost to be borne by district, written consent required (not included in policy above)

PREVIOUS POLICY: April 19, 1994 – Communicable Diseases