

**P.V.S.D. HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS) PROTOCOL:**

**If a student is symptomatic of having head lice (pediculosis) the school nurse will:**

1. Examine the student
2. Determine the presence of nits/lice infestation

**If a student is found to have head lice (pediculosis) the school nurse will:**

1. Contact the student's parent/guardian
2. Exclude the student from school
3. Recommend that the child be treated with a lice elimination product

**For the student to be readmitted to school the following must occur:**

1. The parent/guardian must bring the student to the school nurse for assessment.
2. The school nurse must verify that the student is nit free before admission to class is permitted.

**Non-symptomatic students will not be screened.**

Parents/guardians are responsible for periodically screening their children for head lice.

**All cases of pediculosis will be handled in an individual and confidential manner.**