

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)

POLICY

POLICY #403 Student Health and Well Being

RATIONALE

The Board understands the need to ensure the safety and well being of all students within its jurisdiction.

POLICY

The Board will provide appropriate procedures related to child abuse, neglect and communicable diseases. It will cooperate with other agencies involved in these areas.

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Statutory Reference:

*Child, Family and
Community Service Act*

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REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

POLICY #403 Student Health and Well Being

1. Policy #402 – Child Protection governs the reporting of on suspected cases of child abuse and neglect.
2. Immunization of children against usual childhood communicable diseases is strongly advised. District staff will work closely with the local health unit to help ensure its efforts are accomplished.
3. Policy #270 governs the handling of HIV/AIDS.
4. Head lice infestations are communicable and schools are encouraged to implement a control program to address the problem. An effective program requires the joint effort of the parent advisory council, the Penticton and Summerland Health Units and the Okanagan Skaha School District.
 - a) Principals and their school parent advisory council are encouraged to develop a program of detection and prevention.
 - b) A general education program is available for parents from the Penticton and Summerland Health Units. Follow-up instruction is available from the Penticton and Summerland Health Units for families and students known to have repeated infestations. The school administrator will refer families and students known to have repeated infestations to the Penticton and Summerland Health Units for follow-up instruction.
 - c) When head lice are detected, the principal and the P.A.C. will determine the need to examine classmates and close friends, and whether to send a notice to parents of classmates or of children in the whole school.
 - d) The school district will make supplies and equipment available to assist with the detection of head lice.
 - e) In chronic cases, where efforts to address the problem of head lice infestation have been unsuccessful, a suspension from school may be made for failure to “maintain appropriate standards of hygiene” (Policy #310 – Code of Conduct).

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