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In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires that established policy and administrative regulations be followed by students, parents/guardians and district staff.[\[1\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

Guidelines

Immunization

All students shall be immunized against specific diseases in accordance with state law and regulations, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.

A certificate of immunization shall be maintained as part of the health record for each student, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.[\[2\]](#)

A student who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulations shall not be admitted to or permitted to attend district schools, unless exempted for medical or religious reasons or provisionally admitted by the Superintendent.[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

A student shall be exempt from immunization requirements whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization on religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the student's physical condition contraindicates immunization.[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

Monitoring of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the head nurse of each school building.[\[3\]](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Annually review state standards for immunization and direct the responsible district personnel accordingly.
2. Ensure that parents/guardians are informed prior to a student's entry to school of the requirements for immunization, the requisite proof of immunization, exemption available for religious or medical reasons, and means by which such exemptions may be claimed.[\[3\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)
3. Investigate and recommend to the Board district-sponsored programs of immunization that may be warranted to safeguard the health of the school community. Such program shall be subject to

Board approval and may be conducted in cooperation with local health agencies.

Communicable Diseases

The Board authorizes that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or are suspected of having a disease by the school nurse shall be excluded from school for the period indicated by regulations of the Department of Health for certain specified diseases and infectious conditions. [\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)

The school nurse shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority, as required by the Department of Health. [\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall direct that health guidelines and universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases be implemented in district schools.

Instruction regarding prevention of communicable and life threatening diseases shall be provided by the schools in the educational program for all levels, in accordance with state regulations. [\[15\]](#)

Parents/Guardians shall be informed of and be provided opportunities during school hours to review all curriculum materials used in instruction relative to communicable and life threatening diseases. [\[16\]](#)[\[15\]](#)
[\[17\]](#)

Health Records

A comprehensive health record shall be maintained for each student enrolled in the district. The record shall include the results of required tests, measurements, screenings, regular and special examinations, and medical questionnaires. [\[18\]](#)[\[19\]](#)

All health records shall be confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student or to a physician at the written request of the parent/guardian. [\[20\]](#)

Legal

1. 28 PA Code 23.81 et seq
 2. 28 PA Code 23.85
 3. 24 P.S. 1303a
 4. 22 PA Code 11.20
 5. 28 PA Code 23.83
 6. 28 PA Code 23.84
 7. Pol. 200
 8. Pol. 201
 9. 28 PA Code 27.71
 10. 28 PA Code 27.72
 11. Pol. 204
 12. 28 PA Code 27.1
 13. 28 PA Code 27.2
 14. 28 PA Code 27.23
 15. 22 PA Code 4.29
 16. 22 PA Code 4.4
 17. Pol. 105.1
 18. 24 P.S. 1402
 19. Pol. 209
 20. 24 P.S. 1409
- Pol. 000
- Pol. 105.2