

Policy Guide



Policy No. 209

Section PUPILS

Title HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/ SCREENINGS

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POLICY NO. 209 HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/SCREENINGS	
Section 1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>In compliance with the School Code, the Board shall require that students of this District submit to health and dental examinations in order to protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease, to ensure that the student’s participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets individual needs, and to ensure that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.</p>
Section 2	<p><u>Guidelines</u></p> <p>Each student shall receive a comprehensive health examination upon original entry, while in sixth grade and in eleventh grade.</p> <p>Each student shall receive a dental examination upon original entry, while in third grade and in seventh grade.</p> <p>A private health and/or dental examination conducted at the person in parental relation’s request and expense shall be accepted in lieu of the school examination. The District shall accept reports of privately conducted physical and dental examinations completed within one (1) year prior to a student’s entry into the grade where an exam is required.</p> <p>The school nurse or medical technician shall administer to each student vision tests, hearing tests, tuberculosis tests, other tests deemed advisable, height and weight measurements, at intervals established by the District. Height and weight measurements shall be used to calculate the student’s weight-for-height ratio.</p>

SC 1401, 1402,
1403
22 PA Code 12.41

SC 1402, 1407
22 PA Code 12.41

SC 1403,1407
22 PA Code 12.41

SC 1407

SC 1402
22 PA Code 12.41
28 PA Code 23.1 et seq.

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Persons in parental relation of students who are to receive physical and dental examinations or screenings shall be notified. The notice shall include the date and location of the examination or screening and notice that the person in parental relation may attend. The notice shall encourage the parent/guardian to have the examination or screening conducted by the student's private physician or dentist at the person in parental relation's expense to promote continuity of care. Such statement may also include notification that the student may be exempted from such examination or screening if it is contrary to the person in parental relation's religious beliefs.

SC 1405
28 PA Code 23.2
20 U.S.C. 1232h

A student who presents a statement signed by the person in parental relation that a medical examination is contrary to religious beliefs shall be examined only when the Secretary of Health determines that facts exist indicating that the student would present a substantial health menace to the health of others in contact with the student if the student is not examined.

SC 1419
28 PA Code 23.45

Where it appears to school health officials or teachers that a child deviates from normal growth and development or where school examinations reveal conditions requiring health or dental care, the person in parental relation shall be notified of the apparent need for special examination by the student's private physician or dentist. The person in parental relation shall report to the school whether a special examination occurred within a reasonable time after being notified of the apparent need and the abnormal condition persists, appropriate school health personnel shall arrange a special medical examination for the student.

SC 1402, 1406
22 PA Code 12.41

In the event that the person in parental relation objects to or refuses to obtain a regular or special medical or dental examination or refuses to permit the child to be examined as arranged by the school nurse or school physician, the school nurse, in consultation with the school physician, shall determine whether the student appears to have unaddressed health conditions such that under the circumstances the refusal should be reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Health or other appropriate authorities.

Where school health officials or staff have reasonable cause to suspect that a student may be the victim of child abuse, the school employee shall make a report of suspected child abuse in

23 PA Code 6311
Pol. 806

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	<p>accordance with law and Board policy.</p>	
	<p><u>Health Records</u></p>	
	<p>The District shall maintain for each student a comprehensive health record which includes a record of immunizations and the results of tests, measurements, regularly scheduled examinations and special examinations.</p>	<p>SC 1402</p>
	<p>All health records shall be confidential and shall be disclosed only when necessary for the health of the student or when requested by the person in parental relation, in accordance with law and Board policy.</p>	<p>SC 1409 Pol. 113.4, 216</p>
	<p>The District may disclose information from health records to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency when necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals, in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.</p>	<p>SC 1409 20 U.S.C. 1232g 34 CFR Part 99 Pol. 113.4, 216, 805</p>
	<p>Designated district staff shall request from the transferring school the health records of students transferring into district schools. Staff shall respond to such requests for the health records of students transferring from district schools to other schools.</p>	<p>SC 1409</p>
	<p>The District shall destroy student health records only after the student has not been enrolled in district schools for at least two (2) years.</p>	<p>SC 1409</p>
Section 3	<p><u>Delegation of Responsibility</u></p>	
	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall instruct all staff members to continually observe students for conditions that indicate health problems or disability and to promptly report such conditions to the school nurse.</p>	<p>SC 1402</p>
	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall request an adequate health record from the transferring school for each student transferring into the District.</p>	<p>SC 1409</p>
	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that notice is provided to all parents/guardians regarding the existence of and eligibility for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).</p>	<p>SC 1406</p>

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References:

School Code – 24. P.S. Sec. 1401, 1402, 1403, 1405, 1406,
1407, 1409, 1419

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.41

State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.1
et seq., 23.2, 23.45

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h, 1232g

Family Education Rights and Privacy – 34 CFR Part 99

PA Child Abuse Reporting – 23 PA Code Sec. 6311

Board Policy – 113.4, 216, 805, 806