

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 applicable law and regulations, and Board-approved health and safety plans, the Board shall require that district students submit to health and dental examinations, screenings and health monitoring in order to protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease and to ensure that the student’s participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets the student’s individual needs that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.</p>	<p>SC 1401, 1402, 1403 22 PA Code 12.41</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</p>	<p>SC 1402, 1407 22 PA Code 12.41</p> <p>SC 1403,1407 22 PA Code 12.41</p> <p>SC 1407</p> <p>SC 1402 22 PA Code 12.41</p>

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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.

28 PA Code 23.1 et seq.

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 person in parental relation 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 health examination is contrary to the student's or person in parental relation's religious beliefs shall be examined only when the Secretary of Health determines that facts exist indicating that certain conditions would present a substantial menace to the health of others in contact with the student if the student is not examined for those conditions.

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 health 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 health 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 PA Department of Health or other appropriate

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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 accordance with law and Board policy.		23 PA Code 6311 Pol. 806
<u>Health Monitoring</u>		
The Board directs district staff to monitor student health in accordance with applicable Board policy and the Board-approved health and safety plan.		Pol. 203
A student may request an alternative method of monitoring as a religious accommodation, and designated district staff shall assess and respond to such request in accordance with applicable law, regulations and Board policy. A request for an accommodation that would unreasonably impair safety or cause undue hardship will not be granted.		Pol. 103
A student with a health condition that may render a monitoring method ineffective should notify designated staff so that alternative or supplemental methods may be considered.		Pol. 103, 103.1
Students who may be exhibiting symptoms that indicate health concerns shall be referred to the school nurse or designated staff for further assessment and response, in accordance with Board policy.		Pol. 203
<u>Health Records</u>		
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.		SC 1402
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.		SC 1409 Pol. 113.4, 216
The District may disclose information from health records to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency when		SC 1409 20 U.S.C. 1232g

<p>Section 3</p>	<p>POLICY NO. 209 HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/SCREENINGS</p>	
	<p>necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals, in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.</p>	<p>34 CFR Part 99 Pol. 113.4, 203, 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>
	<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 concerns or disability and to promptly report such conditions to the school nurse or designated staff.</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 person(s) in parental relation 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