

EAST  
STROUDSBURG  
AREA  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
AND IMMUNIZATION

ADOPTED: August 19, 2002

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<p>1. Authority SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.83</p> <p>SC 1303a</p> <p>SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.84</p> <p><u>Title 28</u> <u>Sec. 27.7</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">203. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNIZATION</p> <p>In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires that established policy and guidelines be followed.</p> <p><u>Immunization</u></p> <p>All students shall be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with Pennsylvania statutes, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.</p> <p>No student shall be admitted to school <del>for the first time</del> who has not been immunized against diseases enumerated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, in the manner directed by the Secretary of Health.</p> <p><u>Monitoring and Implementation</u> of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent <u>or designee</u> and the school nurse, who shall be subject to the sanctions of law for violation of the state statute for immunization.</p> <p>A student shall be exempt from the requirements for immunization whose parent or guardian objects in writing to such immunization for religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the child's physical condition contraindicates immunization.</p> <p>A student may be admitted provisionally if evidence of at least one dose of each antigen has been given. The written physician's plan for completion of the required immunizations shall be submitted by the parent to the school nurse and reviewed every sixty (60) days. All subsequent immunizations shall be entered on the Certificate of Immunization and completed with eight (8) months of entrance to school. <u>If after eight (8) month, the child has not received all doses of the required immunizations, the child thereafter may not be further admitted to or be permitted to attend the East Stroudsburg Area School District until all doses have been received.</u></p> <p><u>Students attending child care group settings located in a school, a pre-kindergarten program, or an early intervention program operated by the school district shall be immunized in accordance with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices</u></p>
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<p><u>3. Delegation of Responsibility</u></p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.85 Pol. 201</p> <p><u>Title 28</u> <u>Sec. 23.86</u></p> <p>SC 1402</p>	<p><u>(ACIP) standards.</u></p> <p>The Superintendent <u>or designee</u> shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annually review state standards for immunization and direct accordingly the responsible school district personnel.</li> <li>2. Inform parents and guardians prior to a student's entry to school <del>for the first time</del> 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.</li> <li>3. Investigate and recommend to the Board school district-sponsored programs of immunization as may be warranted by circumstances and the health of the school community. Any such program is subject to Board approval and should be conducted in cooperation with local health agencies.</li> </ol> <p><u>The Superintendent or designee shall report immunization data on the required form to the Department of Health by October 15 of each year.</u></p> <p><u>Communicable Diseases</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>The school nurse shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority, as required by the Department of Health.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>Health Records</u></p> <p>The school district shall require that prior to a student's admittance to school for the</p>
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<p>Pol. 209</p>	<p>first time the parent or guardian shall complete a medical history report form that includes information regarding known communicable diseases. The nurse or school physician may use such reports to advise the parent of the need for further medical care, <u>as set forth in Board Policy 209.</u></p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.2, 27.23</p>	<p>The school nurse shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority as required by the Department of Health.</p>
<p><u>SC 1402</u> <u>Pol. 209</u></p>	<p><u>A comprehensive health record shall be maintained for each student enrolled in the school district. The record shall include the results of required tests, measurements, screenings, regular and special examinations, and medical questionnaires.</u></p>
<p>SC 1409</p>	<p>All health records shall be confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student or at the request of the parent or guardian to a physician.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.85</p>	<p>As part of the health record, a certificate of immunization shall be maintained for each student enrolled, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</p>	<p>The Board shall require that the medical history information submitted with health and dental examinations required under Policy 209 Health Examinations be periodically revised.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72</p>	<p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>The Board authorizes that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or who 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.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</p>	<p><u>Education</u></p> <p>Instruction regarding communicable and life threatening diseases shall be provided by the school district in the educational program for all levels.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4 Pol. 105.1, 105.2</p>	<p>Parents and guardians shall be provided convenient opportunities to preview all instructional materials used in presentation of this subject.</p>
<p>School Code 1303a, 1402, 1409</p>	
<p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.29, 4.4</p>	

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<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq, 27.2, 27.23, 27.71, 27.72</p> <p>Pol. 105.1, 105.2</p>	
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