

EAST
STROUDSBURG
AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
AND IMMUNIZATION

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<p>1. Authority SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p> <p><u>SC 1303a</u> <u>Title 28</u> <u>Sec. 23.84</u></p> <p><u>SC 1303a</u> <u>Title 28</u></p>	<p>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 <u>by students, parents/guardians and district staff.</u></p> <p><u>Definitions</u></p> <p><u>Certificate of Immunization</u> - the official form furnished by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The certificate is filled out by the parent/guardian or health care provider and signed by the health care provider, public health official or school nurse or a designee. The certificate is given to the school as proof of full immunization. The school maintains the certificate as the official school immunization record or stores the details of the record in a computer database.</p> <p><u>Medical Certificate</u> - the official form furnished by the Pennsylvania Department of Health setting out the immunization plan for a student who is not fully immunized, filled out and signed by a physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant, or by a public health official when the immunization is provided by the Department of Health or a local health department, and given to a school as proof that the student is scheduled to complete the required immunizations.</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><u>A certificate of immunization shall be maintained as part of the health record for each student, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</u></p> <p><u>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 student's physical condition contraindicates immunization.</u></p> <p>No student shall be admitted to school who has not been immunized against diseases enumerated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, in the manner directed by</p>
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<p>Sec. 23.83</p>	<p>the Secretary of Health. <u>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 or designee after beginning a multiple dose vaccine series and submitting proof of immunization or a medical certificate on or before the fifth school day of attendance.</u></p> <p><u>Homeless students who have not been immunized or are unable to provide immunization records due to being homeless shall be admitted in accordance with the provisions of applicable law and regulations.</u></p> <p><u>Foster care students and students transferring into a school within the Commonwealth shall be admitted in accordance with law and regulations, and shall have thirty (30) days to provide proof of immunization, a medical certificate detailing the plan to complete a multiple dose vaccine series or to satisfy the requirements for an exemption.</u></p>
<p>SC 1303a</p>	<p>Monitoring and implementation of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the school nurse, who shall be subject to the sanctions of law for violation of the state statute for immunization.</p>
<p>SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.84</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. If after eight (8) months, 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.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.7</p>	<p>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 (ACIP) standards.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annually review state standards for immunization and direct accordingly the responsible school district personnel. <p><u>2. Designate school personnel to review student medical certificates in accordance</u></p>

<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.85 Pol. 201</p>	<p><u>with law and regulations to ensure compliance with full immunization requirements.</u></p> <p><u>2.3.</u> Inform parents and guardians prior to a student's entry to school, <u>or a grade requiring additional immunizations,</u> 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.</p> <p><u>3.4.</u> 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.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.86</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall report immunization data on the required form to the Department of Health by October 15 of each year. <u>The Superintendent or designee shall report immunization data electronically to the Department of Health by December 31 of each year. If the district is unable to complete the report electronically, the Superintendent or designee shall report the immunization data on the required form to the Department of Health by December 15.</u></p> <p><u>Communicable Diseases</u></p> <p>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.</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>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Health Records</u></p>

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<p>SC 1402 Pol. 209</p>	<p>The school district shall require that prior to a student's admittance to school for the 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, as set forth in Board Policy 209.</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>SC 1402 Pol. 209</p>	<p>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.</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></p>	<p><u>Attendance</u></p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72</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></p>	<p><u>Education</u></p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</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></p>	<p>References:</p>
<p></p>	<p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1303a, 1402, 1409</p>
<p></p>	<p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29</p>
<p></p>	<p>State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.81 et seq., 23.83, 23.84, 23.85, 23.86,</p>

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	<p>27.2, 27.7, 27.23, 27.71, 27.72</p> <p>Board Policy –105.1, 105.2, 201, 209</p>
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