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EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

209. HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

- 1. Authority
 SC 1401, 1402,
 1403
 Title 22
 Sec.12.41

In compliance with the School Code, the Board shall require that district students 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 his/her individual needs, and to ensure that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.

- 2. Guidelines
 SC 1402, 1407
 Title 22
 Sec. 12.41

Each student shall receive a comprehensive medical examination upon original entry into school in Pennsylvania, while in sixth grade, and while in eleventh grade. These examinations will be conducted by the designated school physician, except as may be otherwise provided for herein. Every school physician shall be assisted by a school nurse who shall be present during each examination.

- SC 1403, 1407
 Title 22
 Sec. 12.41

The school district shall provide a program of dental hygiene services for children of school age. This program shall be approved by the Secretary of Health or designee. Dental screenings will be conducted by the school dental hygienist for students upon original entry in kindergarten or grade one, in grade three, in grade seven, and for new students in the district whose health records do not contain an adequate dental record. Fifth grade students, who have appropriate parent/guardian permission on file, may receive dental screenings at times as a follow-up to the dental program.

- SC 1407

In lieu of the medical examinations and/or dental screenings and/or evaluations required as set forth above, any child of school age, or his/her parent/guardian, may furnish a medical or dental report examination made at the expense of the child/parent/guardian by a licensed physician or licensed dentist, and which report shall be on a form approved by the Secretary of Health and provided by the school district for this purpose. The in-lieu examinations shall be made and the report shall be furnished prior to the date fixed for the regularly scheduled examination or screening, but no earlier than twelve (12) months prior to the student's entry into the grade in which the regular examination or screening is required.

	<p>Parents/guardians have until November 1 of the applicable school year to provide a private dental report as set forth above. If a private dental report is not received by November 1, the parent/guardian will be notified in writing that their child will be scheduled to receive a dental screening at school at no cost to the parent(s).</p>
<p>SC1402 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>Each student will be given a vision test and will be measured for height and weight upon original entry into school and annually through grade twelve (12). Each student shall be measured, weighed and vision tested. Height and weight measurements shall be used to calculate the student's weight-for-height ratio.</p>
<p>SC 1402 Title 22 Sec. 12.41 <u>Title 28</u> <u>Sec. 23.1 et seq</u></p>	<p>Each student shall be tested for tuberculosis upon original entry into school and in grade nine (9); exceptions will be made if a waiver is granted by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p>
<p>SC 1402 Title 22 Sec. 12.41 <u>Title 28</u> <u>Sec. 23.1 et seq</u></p>	<p>Each student will receive a hearing screening upon original entry into school and in grades one (1), two (2), three (3), seven (7) and eleven (11). Children in special ungraded classes will be given a hearing screening yearly.</p>
<p>SC 1402 Title 22 Sec. 12.41 <u>Title 28</u> <u>Sec. 23.1 et seq</u></p>	<p>School district nurses shall conduct scoliosis screenings for students in grades six (6) and seven (7) and for those children who are eleven (11) and twelve (12) years of age and are in special ungraded classes.</p>
<p>—SC 1409 —Pol. 216</p>	<p>The individual records of health examinations shall be maintained as a confidential record, subject to statute and Board policy.</p>
<p>—SC 1419 —Title 28 —Sec. 23.45</p>	<p>A student who presents a statement signed by the parent or guardian that a medical examination is contrary to his/her religious beliefs shall be examined only when the Secretary of Health determines that the student presents a substantial menace to the health of others.</p>
<p>—SC 1402, 1406 —Title 22 —Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>Teachers shall report to the school nurse or school physician any unusual behavior, changes in physical appearance, changes in attendance habits and changes in scholastic achievement or suspected deviations from normal growth and development, which may indicate impairment of a child's health and, in such case, as well as in the case involving school examinations, reveal conditions requiring health or dental care, the school nurse or school physician or dental hygienist shall, upon referral by the teacher or on his/her own initiative, advise a child's parent/guardian of the apparent need for a medical or</p>

<p>SC 1405 Title 28 Sec. 23.2 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h</p> <p><u>SC 1419</u> <u>Title 28</u> <u>Sec. 23.45</u></p> <p><u>Title 22</u> <u>Sec.12.41</u> <u>SC 1402, 1406</u></p>	<p>dental consultation and/or examination. If a parent/guardian fails to report the results to the nurse or school physician, the nurse or school physician shall attempt to arrange a special medical examination for the child.</p> <p>Recommendations as to medical, surgical or dental care shall be sent to each parent/guardian and to the family physician or family dentist on appropriate forms with instruction to the parent/guardian to consult their family physician or family dentist and to notify the school authorities of the action taken with respect to the recommendations.</p> <p>School physicians or school nurses shall inform teachers of the health conditions of students which may affect behavior, appearance or scholastic performance.</p> <p>If a parent/guardian informs school officials of financial inability to have a physician or dentist of his/her choice render recommended treatment or care, the school officials shall advise such parent/guardian of the possible availability of public assistance.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians of students who are to receive physical and dental examinations shall be notified. The notice shall include the date and location of the examination and notice that the parent/guardian may attend. <u>or may</u> <u>The notice shall encourage the parent/guardian to have the examination or screening conducted by the student's privately physician or dentist</u> at the parent's/<u>guardian's</u> expense <u>to promote continuity of care</u>. Such statement may also include notification that the student may be exempted from such examination if it is contrary to the parent's/guardian's religious beliefs.</p> <p>A student who presents a statement signed by the parent or guardian that a medical examination is contrary to his/her religious beliefs shall be examined only when the Secretary of Health determines that the student <u>would</u> present a substantial menace to the health of others <u>in contact with the student if the student is not examined</u>.</p> <p><u>Where it appears to school health officials or teachers that a student deviates from normal growth and development, or where school examinations reveal conditions requiring health or dental care, the parent/guardian shall be notified of the apparent need for a special examination by the student's private physician or dentist. The parent/guardian shall report to the school whether a special examination occurred. If the parent/guardian fails to report whether the 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.</u></p> <p><u>In the event that the parent/guardian objects to or refuses to obtain a regular or special medical or dental examination or refuses to permit the child to be</u></p>
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<p><u>23 PA C.S.A. 6311</u> <u>Pol. 806</u></p>	<p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>
<p><u>SC 1402</u></p>	<p>Students who fail to complete and/or submit acceptable evidence of required medical examination or dental screening by <u>APRIL 30 of the current academic year</u> will be excluded from all extra-curricular activities including class trips beginning MAY 1 until acceptable proof of compliance is received, in writing, by the district, or until such students are exempted from such examination requirements for religious reasons by submission of an acceptable parental documented note.</p> <p><u>Health Records</u></p>
<p><u>SC 1409</u> <u>Pol. 113.4, 216</u></p>	<p><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.</u></p> <p><u>All health records shall be confidential and shall be disclosed only when necessary for the health of the student or when requested by the parent/guardian, in accordance with law and Board policy.</u></p>
<p><u>SC 1409</u> <u>20 U.S.C. 1232g</u> <u>34 CFR Part 99</u> <u>Pol. 113.4, 216,</u> <u>805</u></p>	<p><u>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.</u></p>
<p><u>SC 1409</u></p>	<p><u>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.</u></p>
<p><u>SC 1409</u> <u>Pol. 800</u></p>	<p><u>The district shall destroy student health records only after the student has not been enrolled in district schools for at least two (2) years.</u></p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1402</p>	<p>The Superintendent <u>or designee</u> 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 1409</p> <p>SC 1406</p> <p>School Code 1402, 1403, 1405, 1406, 1407, 1409, 1419 Pa Code Title 22 Sec. 7.13 Title 28 Sec. 23.2, 23.44 Board Policy 216</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall request an adequate health record from the transferring school for each student transferring into the school district.</p> <p>The Superintendent <u>or designee</u> 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><u>References:</u></p> <p><u>22 PA Code 12.41, 403.1</u> <u>23 Pa. C.S.A. 6301, et seq, 6311</u> <u>24 P.S. 1401, 1402, 1403, 1405, 1407, 1409, 1419</u> <u>28 PA Code 23.1 et seq., 23.2, 23.45</u> <u>20 U.S.C. , 1232g, 1232h</u> <u>34 CFR Part 99</u> <u>Pol. 113.4, 216, 800, 805, 806</u></p>
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