



Book	Policy Manual
Section	200 Pupils
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### **Authority**

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 **and to ensure that the student's participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets his/her individual needs and** that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

### **Guidelines**

Each student shall receive a comprehensive health examination conducted by the school physician upon original entry, in sixth grade, and in eleventh grade.[\[2\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

Each student shall receive a comprehensive dental examination conducted by the school dentist upon original entry, in third grade, and in seventh grade.[\[3\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

A private health and/or dental examination conducted at the parents'/guardians' 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.[\[5\]](#)

The school nurse or medical technician shall **administer to** each student vision tests, hearing tests, tuberculosis tests, other tests deemed advisable, and 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.**[\[2\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

A student who presents a statement signed by the parent/guardian that a medical or dental 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.[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

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 informed; and a recommendation shall be made that the parent/guardian consult a private physician or dentist. The parent/guardian shall be required to report to the school the action taken subsequent to such notification. **If the parent/guardian fails to report the action taken, the school nurse or school physician shall arrange a special medical examination for the student.**[\[2\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

Parents/Guardians 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 parent/guardian may attend or may have the examination or screening conducted privately at the parent's/guardian's expense. Such statement may also include notification that the student may be exempted from such examination or screening if it is contrary to the parent's/guardian's religious beliefs.[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)[\[12\]](#)

### **Health Records**

**The district shall maintain for each student a comprehensive health record which includes a record of immunizations and the result of tests, measurements, regularly scheduled examinations and special examinations.**[\[2\]](#)

**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.**[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)

**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.**[\[13\]](#)

**The district shall destroy student health records only after the student has not been enrolled in district schools for at least two (2) years.**[\[13\]](#)[\[15\]](#)

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

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.[\[2\]](#)

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).[\[9\]](#)

Legal

1. 24 P.S. 1401
2. 24 P.S. 1402
3. 24 P.S. 1403
4. 22 PA Code 12.41
5. 24 P.S. 1407
6. 28 PA Code 23.1 et seq
7. 24 P.S. 1419
8. 28 PA Code 23.45
9. 24 P.S. 1406
10. 24 P.S. 1405
11. 28 PA Code 23.2
12. 20 U.S.C. 1232h
13. 24 P.S. 1409
14. Pol. 216
15. Pol. 800
- 24 P.S. 1401-1419
- 22 PA Code 403.1