



Center Area School District

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
AND IMMUNIZATION

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<p>SC 1303a (a) Title 28 Sec. 23.84</p> <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority SC 1303a (a)</p> <p>SC 1303a (b)</p> <p>3. Responsibility</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 23.83</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, including Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), the Board requires the following procedures to be used.</p> <p>A. <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 for the first time who has not been immunized against such diseases as are enumerated by the Advisory Health Board and in the manner directed by the Secretary of Health.</p> <p>The implementation of this policy shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent and the building principal who shall be subject to the sanctions of law for violation of the State statute for immunization of pupils.</p> <p>A child 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>The Superintendent shall:</p> <p>annually review the State standards for immunization of pupils and direct the responsible district personnel accordingly;</p> <p>inform parents and guardians of children prior to their entry to school for the first time of the requirements of immunization, the requisite proof of immunization, the exemption available for religious or medical reasons and the means by which such exemptions may be claimed; and</p> <p>investigate and recommend to the Board such district-sponsored programs of</p>
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	<p>immunization as may from time to time 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>B. <u>Health Records</u></p> <p>SC 1402(b) (c) (d)</p> <p>The District shall require that prior to admission to school for the first time that the parent(s) or guardian shall complete a medical history report form which shall include 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 Policy No. 209.</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 27.2 27.23</p> <p>The school nurse(s) shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority as required by the Department of Health.</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 child 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 for each child enrolled shall be maintained as established by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</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 to include recent medical advice as to communicable diseases.</p> <p>C. <u>Attendance</u></p> <p>The following policy shall supplement the Board's Policy No. 204 on student attendance by establishing guidelines for the attendance of students with communicable diseases.</p> <p>4. Authority</p> <p>The Board authorizes that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or are suspected of having the 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>5. Procedure</p> <p>Students who have been diagnosed by a physician as being absent due to a communicable disease not specifically listed by the Department of Health or who have been diagnosed as a carrier of such disease may be excluded for the protection of the school community under the following procedures.</p> <p>The school physician shall make a preliminary recommendation to the District as to the health risks associated with diagnosed communicable disease. In the event that</p>
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<p>School Code 1303a.(a) (b) 1402, 1409</p> <p>PA Code Title 28 Sec. 23.81, 23.83, 23.84, 23.85, 27.2, 27.75 27.71, 27.23,</p>	<p>potential health risks to the school community would be identified by the school physician due to the admission or continued attendance of the student in question.</p> <p>A panel shall be convened to review the medical history and assess the specific health risks to the identified student and to the school community. The Board shall name an administrator to coordinate the District's response to the issue; the administrator shall convene the panel. The panel shall consist of: the coordinating administrator, school physician, school nurse, family physician, parent, and appropriate local health official.</p> <p>Prior to the panel's assessment and recommendation as to health risks, the Superintendent may preliminarily exclude the child from the educational program based upon the school physician's previous recommendation and after the Superintendent has consulted with the student's parents or guardian and personal physician.</p> <p>The panel shall make an assessment of the potential for transmission of the communicable disease to the school community and the risks associated with potential infection. The panel shall utilize as a resource the Centers for Disease Control Guidelines on Education of Children infected with AIDS-causing viruses.</p> <p>Within ten (10) days the panel shall make a recommendation to the Superintendent regarding the attendance of the student. The Superintendent shall promptly make a final decision on attendance or alternate placement of the student.</p> <p>The panel, at the request of the administrator, shall meet periodically to assess the recommendations as to attendance.</p>
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