

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
AND IMMUNIZATION

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	203. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNIZATION
1. Authority SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq	In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires the following procedures be used.
2. Guidelines	<u>Immunization</u>
	All students shall be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with Pennsylvania statutes, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.
SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83	No student shall be admitted to school for the first time who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulations, unless provisionally admitted or exempted for medical or religious reasons by the Superintendent.
SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83	No student shall be admitted to or permitted to attend district schools who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulations, unless provisionally admitted or exempted for medical or religious reasons by the Superintendent.
SC 1301a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.84	A student shall be exempt from immunization requirements whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization on religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the student's physical condition contraindicates immunization.
SC 1303a	Monitoring of immunization shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the building nurse.

<p>SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85 Pol. 201</p>	<p>The implementation of this policy shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee, who shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annually review state standards for immunization of pupils and direct the responsible district personnel accordingly. 2. 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. 3. Investigate and recommend to the Board such district-sponsored programs of 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>SC 1402 Pol. 209</p>	<p><u>Health Records</u></p> <p>The district shall require that prior to admission to school for the first time that the parent(s) or guardian(s) 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.</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>Pol. 209</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 are suspected of having a communicable 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>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29</p>	<p><u>Education</u></p> <p>Instruction regarding the 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 and guardians shall be informed of and provided opportunities during school hours to review all instructional materials used in presentation of this subject.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1303a, 1402, 1409</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.20</p> <p>State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.81 et seq, 27.2, 27.23, 27.71, 27.72</p> <p>Board Policy – 105.1, 105.2, 200, 201, 209</p>
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