

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP 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>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83</p> <p>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.84</p> <p>SC1303a</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, the Board requires that established policy and guidelines be followed.</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>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.</p> <p>A student shall be exempt from immunization requirements whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization or religious grounds or who physician certifies that the student's physical condition contraindicates immunization.</p> <p>Monitoring of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the building principal and/or head nurse.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annually review the state standards for immunization and direct accordingly the responsible district personnel.
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<p>SC1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85 Pol. 201</p>	<p>2. Inform parents/guardians prior to a student’s 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.</p> <p>3. Investigate and recommend to the Board such district-sponsored programs of immunization that may be warranted by circumstances and the health of the school community. Any such program is subject to Board approval and may be conducted in cooperation with local health agencies.</p>
<p>SC 1402 Pol. 209</p>	<p><u>Health Records</u></p> <p>A comprehensive health record shall be maintained for each student enrolled in the district. The record shall include the results of required tests, measurements, screenings, and regular and special examinations.</p>
<p>SC 1402 Pol. 209</p>	<p>The district shall require that prior to admission to school for the first time that the parent(s)/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/guardian of the need for further medical care as set forth in Policy No. 209.</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 to a physician at the written request of the parent/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>The district shall require on an annual basis that the parents/guardians complete a medical history report form which shall include information regarding known communicable diseases.</p>
<p>Pol. 204</p>	<p><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>Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72</p>	<p>As directed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health Act, The Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955 (35 P.S. 521.1-521.21) a child will be excluded from school if it is suspected that s/he has a communicable disease. These diseases and conditions include but are not limited to whooping cough, German measles, measles, chickenpox, scarlet fever, mumps, diphtheria, impetigo, ring worm, scabies, contagious conjunctivitis, trachoma, TB, anthrax, cholera, encephalitis, meningitis (all types), meningococcal disease, plague, poliomyelitis, psittacosis, rabies, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, bacillary dysentery, smallpox, typhoid, and paratyphoid fever until judged noninfective by a physician or the school nurse, and such conditions as determined in the sound judgment of the school nurse or physician to be communicable. Also pediculosis capitis and pediculosis corpora until judged noninfective by the school nurse and is nit free.</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><u>Pupils</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each diagnosed case shall be individually and periodically reviewed by a district Health Team with information based on (1) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, annually updated, and other pertinent data and (2) each pupil's right to an education. <p>The district Health Team will consist of the Superintendent, the school physician, the school nurse, and the appropriate principal. Depending on individual case requirements, the following may be added to the Health Team: the student's physician, the district solicitor, and a teacher recommended by the Superintendent.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The identity of an infected pupil shall be kept confidential to the extent required by law. Information relating to an infected pupil will be communicated only to those district personnel and other public health officials who have a responsibility for the protection of the health and welfare of the infected pupil and other persons having close contact with such pupil. 3. To maximize consistency in information dissemination and to maintain confidentiality, the Superintendent shall be the central contact person. 4. The district Health Team will periodically review known circumstances involving a pupil who has close contact with known infected persons. 5. All personnel dealing with infected pupils shall be instructed in proper hygienic measures.

<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29</p>	<p>6. An infected pupil may be excluded from attending school in the normal school setting to protect the health, safety and welfare of the infected pupil, other pupils, and school employees.</p> <p><u>Education</u></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 such instruction.</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, 201, 209</p>
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