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### **Authority**

In compliance with applicable law and regulations, and Board-approved health and safety plans, the Board shall require that district students submit to health and dental examinations, screenings and health monitoring 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 the student's individual needs and that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

### **Guidelines**

Medical examinations as required shall be provided on original entry into school (kindergarten or first grade) in grade six, and in grade 11..[\[2\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

Dental examinations as required shall be provided on original entry into school (kindergarten or first grade), in grade 3, and in grade 7..[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

A private health and or dental examination is recommended to provide for continuity of medical care of the child. A private health and/or dental examination report will be accepted if completed within one (1) year prior to a student's entry into the grade when an exam is required.[\[5\]](#)

The school nurse shall administer to each student vision tests, hearing tests, scoliosis tests, and height and weight measurements, at intervals established by the district. Height and weight measurements shall be used to calculate the student's BMI ratio.[\[2\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

Parents/guardians of students who have not submitted a physical or dental examination will be notified of examinations offered by the school district with the school physician/dentist, and are encouraged to attend.[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

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 health examination for the student.[\[2\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[12\]](#)

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

### **Health Monitoring**

The Board directs district staff to monitor student health in accordance with applicable Board policy.

Students who may be exhibiting symptoms that indicate health concerns shall be referred to the school nurse or designated staff for further assessment and response, in accordance with Board policy.[\[15\]](#)

### Health Records

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, and office visits.[\[2\]](#)

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.[\[18\]](#)[\[19\]](#)[\[20\]](#)

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.[\[15\]](#)[\[18\]](#)[\[19\]](#)[\[20\]](#)[\[21\]](#)[\[22\]](#)[\[23\]](#)

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.[\[18\]](#)

The district shall destroy student health records only after the student has not been enrolled in district schools for at least two (2) years.[\[18\]](#)[\[24\]](#)

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The School Principal shall instruct all staff members to continually observe students for conditions that indicate health concerns or disability and to promptly report such conditions to the school nurse or designated staff.[\[2\]](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure notice is provided to parents/guardians regarding the existence of and eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for students who do not have health insurance.[\[12\]](#)

### 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. 1405](#)

[8. 28 PA Code 23.2](#)

[9. 20 U.S.C. 1232h](#)

[10. 24 P.S. 1419](#)

[11. 28 PA Code 23.45](#)

[12. 24 P.S. 1406](#)

[13. 23 Pa. C.S.A. 6311](#)

14. Pol. 806

15. Pol. 203

16. Pol. 103

17. Pol. 103.1

[18. 24 P.S. 1409](#)

19. Pol. 113.4

20. Pol. 216

[21. 20 U.S.C. 1232g](#)

[22. 34 CFR Part 99](#)

23. Pol. 805

24. Pol. 800

[24 P.S. 1401-1419](#)

[23 Pa. C.S.A. 6301 et seq](#)

