

ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
AND IMMUNIZATION

ADOPTED: 1986

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<p>SC 1303a (a) Title 28 Sec. 23.84</p> <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority SC 1303a (a) Act 15 of 1996</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, 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 her/his designee 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 or her/his designee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annually review the State standards for immunization of pupils and direct the responsible district personnel accordingly; AND 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; AND
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<p>SC 1402(b) (c) (d)</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 27.2, 27.23</p> <p>SC 1409</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 23.85</p> <p>4. Authority</p> <p>5. Procedure</p>	<p>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> <p>B. <u>Health Records</u></p> <p>The district shall require that prior to admission to school for the first time the parent(s) or guardian of each student shall complete a medical history report form for her/his child(ren). 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>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>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>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>On an annual basis, the district shall require that the parents or guardian complete a medical history report form.</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>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>Students who have been diagnosed by a physician as being absent due to a communicable disease or who have been diagnosed as a carrier of such disease may be excluded for the protection of the school community.</p> <p>The school district will collaborate with the appropriate local health authority regarding the attendance of students diagnosed with a reportable communicable disease or infectious condition.</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, 27.23, 27.71, 27.75</p>	<p>The administrator assigned to coordinate the district's response under this Policy shall be responsible for organizing and presenting information on communicable diseases to the school community and general public as necessary.</p>
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