

ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/
SCREENINGS

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209. HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/SCREENINGS	
<p>1. Authority SC 1401, 1402, 1403 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>In compliance with the School Code, the Board shall require that district students submit to health and dental examinations to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease. 2. Ensure that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.
<p>2. Guidelines SC 1402, 1407 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>Each student shall receive a comprehensive health examination upon original entry, in sixth grade, and in eleventh grade, conducted by the school physician.</p>
<p>SC 1403, 1407 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>Each student shall receive a comprehensive dental examination upon original entry, in third grade, and in seventh grade, conducted by the school dentist.</p>
<p>SC 1407</p>	<p>A private health and/or dental examination conducted at the parents'/guardians' request and expense will be accepted in lieu of the school examination.</p> <p>The district will accept reports of privately conducted physical and dental examinations completed within one (1) year prior to a student's entry into the grade where an exam is required.</p>
<p>SC 1402 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>Each student shall receive, from the school nurse or medical technician, vision tests, hearing tests, height and weight measurements, tuberculosis tests, and other tests deemed advisable, at intervals established by the district.</p>
<p>SC 1409 Pol. 216</p>	<p>The individual records of health examinations shall be maintained as a confidential record, subject to statute and Board policy.</p>

<p>SC 1419 Title 28 Sec. 23.45</p>	<p>A student who presents a statement signed by the parent/guardian that a medical or dental examination is contrary to his/her religious beliefs shall be examined only when the Secretary of Health determines that the student presents a substantial menace to the health of others.</p>
<p>SC 1402, 1406 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>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 informed; and a recommendation shall be made that the parent/guardian consult a private physician or dentist. The parent/guardian shall be required to report to the school the action taken subsequent to such notification. When the parent/guardian informs the school of financial inability to provide an examination, the school shall advise him/her of the availability of public assistance. Where no action is taken, the school may conduct further examinations.</p>
<p>SC 1405 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h Title 28 Sec. 23.2</p>	<p>Parents/Guardians of students who are to receive physical and dental examinations or screenings shall be notified. The notice shall include the date, location and nature of the examination or screening, written consent and notice that the parent/guardian may attend or may have the examination or screening conducted privately at the parent's/guardian's expense. Such statement may also include notification that the student may be exempted from such examination or screening if it is contrary to the parent's/guardian's religious beliefs.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1402</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall instruct all staff members to continually observe students for conditions that indicate health problems or disability and to promptly report such conditions to the school nurse.</p>
<p>SC 1409</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall request an adequate health record from the transferring school for each student transferring into the district. If the health record indicates that any mandated screening or examination has not been completed at the appropriate grade level, the district will be responsible for assuring compliance.</p>
<p>SC 1406</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that notice is provided to all parents/guardians regarding the existence of and eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).</p>
<p>Pol. 806</p>	<p>A professional shall refer and adhere to the Board policy on Child/Student Abuse, if she/he has reasonable cause to suspect that a student is being abused.</p>

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1401-1419

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.41, 403.1

State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.2, 23.45

Board Policy – 216, Student Records