



## **Student Health Services Policy**

The health and safety of students is a top priority of Boys' Latin of Philadelphia ("Boys' Latin" or "the school"). Strict adherence to this policy is required from all students and their parents/guardians.

### **Student Illness:**

Students are to remain at home if they have:

- A temperature of 100 degrees or more. Your son should remain at home in bed for the day and should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school as many children will rebound with a temperature.
- Been diagnosed with a strep infection. Your son should be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Vomited during the night and into the morning.
- A persistent cough, chest congestion, or discolored nasal discharge.
- Persistent diarrhea during the night and into the morning.
- Red swollen eyes that itch and are draining pus.
- A rash you cannot identify.

All communicable diseases should be reported to the school, even if students develop them over the weekend and are well enough to return the school by Monday. It is important that the school tracks infectious disease occurrences in order to provide parents/guardians with the information about their prevalence and any needed precautions. The following are some examples of illnesses that should be reported to the health office: chickenpox, strep throat or scarlet fever, pink eye, ringworm, Fifth's disease, impetigo, and scabies.

### **Student Medication:**

It is the policy of the school to administer medications only to students with prior written permission from the parent/guardian and physician. A medication administration form may be obtained from school. All students must have a medication administration form on file before medications may be administered to them. Verbal permission over the phone is not acceptable. A new medication administration form must be filled out if there are any changes in the student's medication. All medications must be in the original container, clearly labeled with the student's name, physician's name, medication name, dosage, and frequency. All medications must be submitted to the office. No medications may be kept in the student's desk or locker. At the end of the school year, it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to pick up any unused medications. Medication left after the end of the school year will be properly disposed of in accordance with school policy. Boys' Latin does not provide pain relievers for students.

### **School Illness and Injury:**

If advanced emergency treatment is required, Emergency Medical Services (911) will be called. In the event of minor injuries or illnesses, the school will contact the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian is not available, the school will call the emergency contacts provided. It is for this reason that it is very important to keep the school updated with current phone numbers and other contact information.

### **Health Screenings:**

All Boys' Latin students receive some level of health screening annually. The chart below provides information on the timing and type of screenings provided:

Service	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Notes
School Nurse Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Maintenance of Health Record	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Immunization Assessment	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Medical Examination	X					X		Required on original entry (K or 1 <sup>st</sup> grade)
Dental Examination		X						Required on original entry (K or 1 <sup>st</sup> grade)
Growth Screen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Hearing Screen		X				X		
Scoliosis Screen	X	X						6th grade physical may be used in lieu of 6th grade screen
Tuberculin Test				X				Required on original entry- K or 1st grade. Unless approved to discontinue
Vision Screen-Far Visual Acuity Test	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Vision Screen-Near Visual Acuity Test	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

### Vaccinations:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires the following vaccinations for attendance in Pennsylvania schools:

All Grades	Doses	Notes
Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acclular Pertussis	4	First does on or after the fourth birthday; usually given as DTP or DTaP or if medically advisable, DT or Td.
Polio	4	Fourth dose on or after the fourth birthday and at least six months after previous dose given; a fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age four years or older and at least six months after the previous dose.
Measles, Mumps, Rubella	2	Usually given as MMR
Hepatitis B	3	
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2	
6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Doses	Notes
Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine	1	MCV; On the first day of seventh grade
Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acclular Pertussis	1	Tdap; On the first day of seventh grade
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Doses	Notes
Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine	1	One does of MCV on the first day of twelfth grade. If one does was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the twelfth grade dose.

By the first day of school, your student is required to have had at least one dose of the above vaccinations or risk exclusion. If a student does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is medically appropriate, the student must receive that dose within the first five days of school or risk exclusion. If the next dose is not the final dose of the series, the student must also provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion. If a student does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is not medically appropriate, the student must provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion. All medical plans must be followed or the student risks exclusion.

These requirements allow for the following exemptions: medical reason, religious belief, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. Even if your student is exempt from immunizations, they may be excluded from school during an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease.