

# TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: IMMUNIZATIONS AND  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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<p>1. Authority SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 23.85</p> <p>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">203. IMMUNIZATIONS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES</p> <p>In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires that established policy and administrative regulations be followed by students, parents/guardians and district staff.</p> <p><u>Immunization</u></p> <p>All students shall be immunized against specific diseases in accordance with state law and regulations, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.</p> <p>A certificate of immunization shall be maintained as part of the health record for each student, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p> <p>A student who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulations shall be admitted to the district, but is not permitted to attend district schools, unless exempted for medical, religious or philosophical/strong moral ethical convictions or provisionally admitted by the Superintendent or designee. The respective building principal must contact parents or guardians to request documentation of proper immunization or provide the necessary documentation for requesting exemption due to medical or religious reasons.</p> <p><b>Provisional enrollment:</b> If a student has not received a vaccine for which only a single dose is required the student may be provisionally admitted to school only if the parent/guardian’s plan for completion of the required immunization(s) is part of the student’s health record. If a student has not received all the antigens for a multiple dose vaccine series, the student may be provisionally admitted to school only if evidence of the administration of at least one dose of each antigen and the parent/guardian’s plan for completion of the required immunization(s) is made part of the student’s health record. The record should be reviewed every 60 days until all required immunizations are received. Immunization requirements must be completed within eight months of the date of the provisional admission. If the requirements are not met, the school administrator may not admit the student to school or permit</p>
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	<p>continued attendance. If a student transfers from one Pennsylvania school to another during their provisional enrollment, their eight month period runs consecutively until expiration. A student is not allowed another eight month provisional enrollment from time of entry into a second school.</p>
<p>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84</p>	<p>A student shall be exempt from immunization requirements whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization on religious grounds or philosophical/strong moral ethical convictions, or whose physician certifies that the <b>student's</b> physical condition contraindicates immunization.</p>
<p>SC 1303a</p>	<p><b>Monitoring</b> of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the head nurse.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.77</p>	<p>Students attending child care group settings located in a school, a pre-kindergarten program or an early intervention program operated by the district shall be immunized in accordance with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) standards.</p>
<p>SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85 Pol. 200, 201</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annually review state standards for immunization and direct the responsible district personnel accordingly.</li> <li>2. Ensure that parents/guardians are informed prior to a student's admission to school of the requirements for immunization, the requisite proof of immunization, exemption available for religious or medical reasons, and means by which such exemptions may be claimed.</li> <li>3. Investigate and recommend to the Board district-sponsored programs of immunization that may be warranted to safeguard the health of the school community. Such program shall be subject to Board approval and may be conducted in cooperation with local health agencies.</li> </ol>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.86</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall report immunization data on the required form to the Department of Health by December 31 of each year.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72 Pol. 204</p>	<p><u>Communicable Diseases</u></p> <p>The Board authorizes that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or are suspected of having a 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>

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<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.1, 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>The Superintendent or designee shall direct that health guidelines and universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases be implemented in district schools.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</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>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29 Pol. 105.1</p>	<p>Parents/Guardians shall be informed of and be provided opportunities during school hours to review all curriculum materials used in instruction relative to communicable and life-threatening diseases.</p> <p><u>Health Records</u></p>
<p>SC 1402 Pol. 209</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, regular and special examinations, and medical questionnaires.</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 student or to a physician at the written request of the parent/guardian.</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., 27.1, 27.2, 27.23, 27.71, 27.72, 27.77</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 105.1, 105.2, 200, 201, 204, 209</p>