

A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
 AND IMMUNIZATION
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203. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNIZATION	
<p>1. Authority SC 1303a (a) Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq.</p>	<p>In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Joint Operating Committee (JOC) requires that established policy and guidelines be followed.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines</p>	<p><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>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83</p>	<p>Implementation of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the enrolling LEA who shall be subject to the sanctions of law for violation of the State statute for immunization.</p>
<p>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.84</p>	<p>A student 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>SC 1303a</p>	<p>The enrolling LEA personnel shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annually review state standards for immunization and direct accordingly the responsible district personnel.
<p>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 23.85 Pol. 200, 201</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Inform parents and guardians prior to a student's entry to school for the first time of the requirements for immunization, the requisite proof of immunization, the exemption available for religious or medical reasons, and the means by which such exemptions may be claimed.

	<p>3. Investigate and recommend to the JOC LEA-sponsored programs of immunization as may be warranted by circumstances and the health of the school community. Any such program is subject to JOC approval and should be conducted in cooperation with local health agencies.</p>
	<p><u>Health Records</u></p>
<p>Pol. 209</p>	<p>The enrolling LEA shall require that prior to a student's admittance to school for the first time the parent or guardian shall complete a medical history report form that includes information regarding known communicable diseases. The nurse or school physician may use such reports to advise the parent of the need for further medical care.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 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>SC 1409 Pol. 216</p>	<p>All health records shall be confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student or at the request of the parent or guardian to a physician.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.85</p>	<p>As part of the health record, a certificate of immunization shall be maintained for each student enrolled, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p> <p>The enrolling LEA shall require parents or guardians to annually complete a medical history report form that includes information regarding known communicable diseases.</p>
	<p><u>Attendance</u></p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72 Pol. 204</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee authorizes that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or who are suspected of having a disease by the emergency staff of the Career Center, in consultation with the LEA 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. Readmission shall be contingent upon verification of the LEA nurse or, in the absence of a nurse, written verification of the student's physician, that the criteria for readmission specified in the regulations for the disease or condition in question have been satisfied.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.72, 27.73 Pol. 204</p>	<p>Students who exhibit certain symptoms, as described in Department of Health regulations, shall be excluded from school unless that student is determined by the LEA nurse or a physician to be noncommunicable. A student so excluded shall not be readmitted until the LEA nurse determines that the student's condition is not communicable or the student presents a written statement from his or her physician that the student has recovered or is not infectious.</p>

<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72 27.23</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4 Pol. 105.1, 105.2</p>	<p>The Executive director shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority in consultation with the enrolling LEA, as required by the Department of Health.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>Instruction regarding communicable and life threatening diseases shall be provided by the A. W. Beattie Career Center in the educational program for all levels.</p> <p>Parents and guardians shall be provided convenient opportunities to preview all instructional materials used in presentation of this subject.</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</p> <p>Board Policy - 000, 105.1, 150.2, 200, 201, 204, 209, 216</p>
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