



Student Health Services Policy

The health and safety of students is a top priority of Boys' Latin of Philadelphia ("Boys' Latin" or "the school"). In accordance with 24 P.S. § 14-1401 *et. seq. School Health Services* and other applicable laws, the school has developed this policy to support student health and safety. Strict adherence to this policy is required from all students and their parents/guardians.

Student Health Records:

The school nurse is responsible for maintaining a comprehensive health record, according to current nurse practices and medical standards, for each Boys' Latin student for the duration of the student's enrollment. All student health records shall remain confidential, and their contents will be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student or at the request of the parent/guardian to a physician licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Pennsylvania" or the "state"). The school may disclose information from student health records to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA").

If a student withdraws from Boys' Latin and enrolls in another school, Boys' Latin will send the student's health records to the student's new school. The school will maintain a student's health record for a period of at least two years after the student ceases to be enrolled.

Student Illness:

Students are not to report to school if they have:

- A temperature of 100 degrees or more. Your son should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- 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.
- Tested positive for COVID-19.

All communicable diseases should be reported to the school nurse, even if students develop them over the weekend and are well enough to return to 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: COVID-19, chickenpox, strep throat or scarlet fever, pink eye, ringworm, Fifth's disease, impetigo, and scabies.

The school nurse will inform teachers of health conditions of students which may affect behavior, appearance, or academic performance.

Student Medication:

It is the policy of the school to administer medications, including asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors, only to students with prior written permission from the parent/guardian and physician. A medication administration form may be obtained from the school nurse. 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 nurse's 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 contact information for parents/guardians and emergency contacts.

In accordance with 24 P.S. § 14-1424, the school has at least one person certified in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation during regular school hours when school is in session and students are present.

In alignment with state law, all teachers will report to the school nurse any unusual behavior, changes in physical appearance, changes in attendance habits and changes in academic achievement, which may indicate impairment of a student's health. The school nurse may, upon referral by the teacher or on their own initiative, advise a student's parent/guardian of the apparent need for a special medical or dental examination. If a parent/guardian fails to report the results to the school nurse, the school nurse will arrange a special medical examination for the student.

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 st grade)
Dental Examination		X						Required on original entry (K or 1 st grade)
Growth Screen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Hearing Screen		X				X		
Scoliosis Screen	X	X						6 th grade physical may be used in lieu of 6 th grade screen
Tuberculin Test				X				Required on original entry- K or 1 st 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	

The school nurse will advise a student's parent/guardian in advance of the date of examination and medical examinations will be made in the presence of the student's parent/guardian when so requested by the parent/guardian. In accordance with 24 P.S. § 14-1419, a student's parent/guardian may object to examination or treatment on religious grounds.

Following screenings, recommendations as to medical, surgical, or dental care will be sent to a student's parent/guardian on state-approved forms with instructions to the parent/guardian to consult the student's physician or dentist and to notify the school nurse of the action taken with respect to the recommendations.

Tuberculosis Testing:

The Pennsylvania Public School Code, Section 1402(a)(4) requires that students be tested for Tuberculosis ("TB"). The regulation requires that the testing occur upon original entry into school and in grade nine. However, in November 1997, a joint letter was sent to schools from the Departments of Health and Education encouraging school boards to apply for a modification to the TB testing requirement that would allow for the elimination of all TB testing of students or to only test high-risk students.

At Boys' Latin, a tuberculin skin test will not be required for student enrollment or attendance. However, in accordance with Pennsylvania Public School Code, Section 1418(b), all school personnel are to be tested for TB prior to working for the school. School personnel to be tested include employees, independent contractors who provide direct services to students on behalf of a school, student teachers, and volunteers. The tuberculin test shall be performed by the school physician, or by a physician of the employee's choice. The person shall provide to the school a form that shows the TB test was administered within three months prior to the date the school receives the form. School personnel who have a documented nonsignificant tuberculin test are not required to have further tests unless they are exposed to a case of active TB or are directed otherwise by the Secretary of Health to have an additional test.

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 th and 7 th 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 th 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, students are 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.

Athletics:

In accordance with *24 P.S. §5-511: School athletics, publications, and organizations* and Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (“PIAA”) requirements, a student who wishes to participate in an interscholastic sport must have a comprehensive initial pre-participation physical evaluation (“CIPPE”) by licensed physical of medicine or osteopathic medicine, a certified physician assistant, a certified registered nurse practitioner, or a school nurse practitioner.

In accordance with *24 P.S. § 14-1425*, a student participating in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity and the student's parent/guardian shall, each school year and prior to participation by the student in an athletic activity, sign and return to the student's school an acknowledgment of receipt and review of a sudden cardiac arrest symptoms and warning signs information sheet that includes information about electrocardiogram testing. Once each school year, a coach of an athletic activity shall complete the sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by a provider approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. A coach of an athletic activity may not coach the athletic activity until the coach completes the training course.