LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

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209. HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

1. Authority 22 PA Code 12.41 24 P.S. 1401 24 P.S. 1402 24 P.S. 1403 24 P.S. 1850.1	In compliance with the School Code, the Joint Operating Committee shall require that students submit to health and dental examinations in order to protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease, to ensure that the student's participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets his/her individual needs and that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.
2. Guidelines 22 PA Code 12.41 24 P.S. 1402 24 P.S. 1407	Each student shall receive a comprehensive health examination in eleventh grade, conducted by the school physician.
24 P.S. 1407	A private health examination conducted at the parents'/guardians' request and expense will be accepted in lieu of the school examination. The school will accept reports of privately conducted physical examinations completed within one (1) ear prior to a student's entry into the grade where an exam is required.
22 PA Code 12.41 24 P.S. 1402 28 PA Code 23.1 et seq	The school nurse or medical technician shall administer to each student vision tests, hearing tests, tuberculosis tests, other tests deemed advisable, and height and weight measurements, at intervals established by the school. Height and weight measurements shall be used to calculate the student's weight-for-height ratio.
20 U.S.C. 1232h 24 P.S. 1405 28 PA Code 23.2	Parents/Guardians of students who are able to receive physical examinations or screenings shall be notified. The notice shall include the date and location of the examination or screening and notice that the parents/guardians may attend. The notice shall encourage the parent/guardian to have the examination or screening conducted by the student's private physician at the parents/guardians expense to promote continuity of care. Such statement may also include notification that the student may be exempted from such examination or screening if it is contrary to the parents/guardians religious beliefs.
24 P.S. 1419 28 PA Code 23.45	A student who presents a statement signed by the parent/guardian that a medical examination is contrary to his/her religious beliefs shall be examined only when the Secretary of Health determines that facts exist indicating that the student would present a substantial menace to the health of others in contact with the student if the student is not examined.

22 PA Code 12.41 24 P.S. 1402 25 P.S. 1406	Where it appears to 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 notified of the apparent need for a special examination by the student's private physician or dentist. The parent/guardian shall report to the school whether a special examination occurred. If the parent/guardian fails to report whether the examination occurred within a reasonable time after being notified of the apparent need and the abnormal condition persists, appropriate school health personnel shall arrange a special medical examination for the student. In the event that the parent/guardian objects to or refuses to obtain a regular or special medical or dental examination or refuses to permit the child to be examined as arranged by the school nurse or school physician, the school nurse, in consultation with the school physician, shall determined whether the student appears to have unaddressed health conditions such that under the circumstance the refusal should be reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Health or other appropriate authorities.
23 Pa. C.S.A. 6311 Pol. 806	Where school health officials or staff have reasonable cause to suspect that a student may be the victim of child abuse, the school employee shall make a report of suspected child abuse in accordance with law and Joint Operating Committee policy.
3. Health Records 24 P.S. 1402	The school shall maintain for each student a comprehensive health record which includes a record of immunizations and the results of tests, measurements, regularly scheduled examinations and special examinations.
24 P.S. 1409 Pol. 216	All health records shall be confidential and shall be disclosed only when necessary for the health of the student or when requested by the parent/guardian, in accordance with law and Joint Operating Committee policy.
24 P.S. 1409 Pol. 216 Pol. 805 20 U.S.C. 1232g 34 CFR Part 99	The school may disclose information from health records to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency when necessary to protect the health or safety of the students or other individuals, in accordance with applicable law and Joint Operating Committee policy.
24 P.S. 1409	Designated staff shall request from the transferring school the health records of students transferring into the school. Staff shall respond to such requests for the health records of students transferring from the school to other schools.
24 P.S. 1409 Pol. 800	The school shall destroy student health records only after the student has not been enrolled in the school for at least two (2) years.
4. Delegation of Responsibility 24 P.S. 1402	The Administrative Director or appropriate personnel designated by the Administrative Director 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.

24 P.S. 1406	The Administrative Director or appropriate personnel designated by the Administrative Director shall ensure that notice is provided to all parents/guardians regarding the existence of and eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). 24 P.S. 1401-1419 22 PA Code 403.1 23 Pa C.S.A. 6301 et seq