LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TUBERCULOSIS TESTING

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	203.1. TUBERCULOSIS TESTING
1. Purpose	In accordance with the policies at local hospitals and other health care institutions and with the recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Mantoux test shall be given free of charge to all students participating in job shadowing and/or clinical experience in these institutions. The Mantoux test is a procedure to test the student for exposure to tuberculosis. The Tine test will not be an acceptable alternate.
2. Definitions	**Mantoux test** - a screening test to determine tuberculosis; Mantoux reagent is injected subcutaneously in the forearm to form a wheal. The test site is checked in forty-eight (48) hours for signs of induration. **Qualified Instructor** - a certified or licensed health care professional that is permitted to perform Mantoux testing.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	Once it has been decided that the student will be participating in the specified program or experience, a qualified instructor or designee shall be identified by the administration and shall be responsible for obtaining, administering, and reading the Mantoux. Students may opt to have their family physician perform the test with the results being forwarded to the instructor. If the student can provide proof of a Mantoux test from the family physician within one (1) year prior to clinical experience, then the student shall be exempt from the Mantoux procedure. The qualified instructor or designee shall be responsible for obtaining reagent and syringes; disposal of syringes; obtaining permission from the parent/guardian; administering and reading the Mantoux test; and recording results and forwarding them to the school nurse.
4. Guidelines	Administering and reading the Mantoux test should be planned approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the experience. This will allow time for the obtaining of the reagents and materials and obtaining parental permission.
5. Exemption	Student will be exempt if he/she has had previous positive mantoux result; however, said student must provide results of a chest X-ray taken within one year prior to clinical experience. If a student is known to be pregnant, in addition to parental permission for mantoux test, written permission for testing from a licensed PA health care provider must be provided to the instructor or designee.