

Williamsburg Community  
School District

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
AND IMMUNIZATION

# POLICY GUIDE

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## 203. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNIZATION

1. Authority  
SC 1303a  
Title 28  
Sec. 23.81 et seq

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires that established policy and guidelines be followed.

2. Guidelines

### Immunization

All students shall be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with Pennsylvania statutes, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.

- SC 1303a  
Title 22  
Sec. 11.20  
Title 28  
Sec. 23.83

**No student shall be admitted to or permitted to attend district schools who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulations, unless provisionally admitted or exempted for medical or religious reasons by the Superintendent.**

- SC 1303a  
Title 22  
Sec. 11.20  
Title 28  
Sec. 23.84

A student shall be exempt from immunization requirements whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization on religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the student's physical condition contraindicates immunization.

- SC 1303a

**Monitoring** of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the building principal.

The Superintendent shall:

a) Annually review state standards for immunization and direct accordingly the responsible district personnel.

- SC 1303a  
Title 28  
Sec. 23.83, 23.84,

b) Inform parents/guardians prior to a student's entry to school for the first time of the requirements for immunization, the requisite proof of immunization, exemption available for religious or medical reasons, and means by which such exemptions

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23.85 Pol. 201	<p>may be claimed.</p> <p>c) Investigate and recommend to the Board district-sponsored programs of immunization <b>that</b> may be warranted by circumstances and the health of the school community. Any such program is subject to Board approval and <b>may</b> be conducted in cooperation with local health agencies.</p> <p><u>Health Records</u></p>
SC 1402 Pol. 209	<p><b>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, and regular and special examinations.</b></p>
SC 1409	<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 <b>at the written request of the parent/guardian.</b></p>
Title 28 Sec. 23.85	<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 district shall require parents/guardians to annually complete a medical history report form that includes information regarding known communicable diseases.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u></p>
Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72	<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>
Title 28 Sec. 27.2, 27.23	<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><u>Education</u></p>
Title 22 Sec. 4.29	<p>Instruction regarding <b>prevention</b> of communicable and life threatening diseases shall be provided by the schools in the educational program for all levels, <b>in accordance with state regulations.</b></p>
Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29	<p><b>Parents/Guardians shall be informed of and be provided opportunities during school hours to review all curriculum materials used in such instruction.</b></p>

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**References:**

**School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1303a, 1402, 1409**

**State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.20**

**State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.81 et seq, 27.2, 27.23, 27.71, 27.72**

**Board Policy – 105.1, 105.2, 200, 201, 209**