209. HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/SCREENINGS

1. Authority
   SC 1402, 1403
   In compliance with the School Code, the Joint Operating Committee shall require that students submit to health and dental examinations in order to:

   1. Protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease.

   2. Ensure that the student's participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets his/her individual needs.

   3. Ensure that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.

2. Guidelines
   SC 1402, 1403, 1408
   School personnel shall perform annual health screenings, arrange and assist with physical examinations, and maintain accurate and current immunization information on students.

   SC 1409
   Pol. 216
   The individual records of health examinations shall be maintained as a confidential record, subject to statute and Board policy.

   All students enrolled in Health/Medical Assisting shall have an annual physical examination performed by their family physician or the school physician as mandated by their school program requirements.

   SC 1419
   Title 28
   Sec. 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 the student presents a substantial menace to the health of others.

   SC 1402, 1406
   Title 22
   Sec. 7.13
   Where it appears to school 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 informed; and a recommendation shall be made that the parent/guardian consult a private physician or dentist. The parent/guardian shall be required to report to the school the action taken subsequent to such notification. When the parent/guardian informs the school of financial inability to provide an examination, the school shall
Parents/Guardians of students who are to receive physical and dental examinations or screenings shall be notified. The notice shall include the date and location of the examination or screening and notice that the parent/guardian may attend or may have the examination or screening conducted privately at the parent's/guardian's expense. Such statement may also include notification that the student may be exempted from such examination or screening if it is contrary to the parent's/guardian's religious beliefs.

The Superintendent or designee 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.

The school nurse shall strictly enforce state immunization mandates set forth by the PA Department of Health. Students found to be noncompliant shall be provisionally enrolled, but excluded from school if immunizations are not made current.

An emergency form completed and signed by a parent/guardian of all students shall be required by no later than two (2) weeks after enrollment in school. The form must have at least two (2) telephone numbers, including the home phone number and that of a close relative, neighbor, or friend who can assist in an emergency situation.

The Administrative Director or designee shall request an adequate health record from the transferring school for each student transferring into the district.

The Administrative Director or designee shall ensure that notice is provided to all parents/guardians regarding the existence of and eligibility for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
| Board Policy 216 |  |