

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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209. HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

<p>1. Authority SC 1401, 1402, 1403 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p> <p>2. Guidelines SC 1402-1407 _Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p> <p>SC 1403, 1407 Title 22 Sec . 12.41</p> <p>SC 1407</p> <p>SC 1402 Title 22 Sec. 12.41 Title 38 Sec. 23.1 et seq</p>	<p>In compliance with the School Code, the Board shall require that students of this District submit to health and dental examinations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease. 2. To ensure that the student's participation in health, safety, and physical education courses meets his/her individual needs. 3. To ensure that the learning potential of each child is not lessened by a remedial physical disability. <p>Each student shall receive a comprehensive health examination upon original entry, in sixth grade, and in eleventh grade conducted by the school physician.</p> <p>Each student shall receive a comprehensive dental examination upon original entry, in third grade, and in seventh grade conducted by the school dentist. A private health and/or dental examination conducted at the parents' request and expense will be accepted in lieu of the school examination.</p> <p>The district will accept reports of privately conducted physical and dental examinations completed within one (1) year prior to a student's entry into the grade where an exam is required or during the year in which the exam is required.</p> <p>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 District. Height and weight measurements shall be used to calculate the student's weight-for-height ratio.</p> <p>Each student shall receive, from the certified school nurse or medical technician, the state-mandated vision and hearing screening, height and weight measurements, and other tests deemed advisable at intervals established by the School Code. For a student to be exempt from these screenings, a parent/guardian must submit a written request to the certified school nurse each school year</p>
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SC 1409
Pol. 216

The Superintendent or designee shall request an adequate health record from the transferring school for each student transferring into the District. The individual pupil records of health examinations shall be maintained as confidential record subject to statute and the Board policy.

SC 1419
Title 28
Sec. 23.45

A student who presents a statement signed by his/her parent or 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 health menace to the health of others.

SC 1402, 1406
Title 22
Sec. 12.41

Where it appears to school health officials or teachers that a child deviates from normal growth and development or where school examinations reveal conditions requiring health and dental care, the parent or guardian of the child shall be so informed and a recommendation shall be made that the parent consult a private physician or dentist. The parent shall be required to report to the school the action taken subsequent to such notification. When the parents or guardians inform the school of financial inability to provide an examination, the school shall advise them of the availability of public assistance. Where no action is taken, the school may conduct further examinations.

SC 1405
Title 28
Sec. 23.2 (e)

Parents and guardians of children who are to receive state-mandated physical and dental examinations shall be notified. The notice shall include the date and location of the examination and notice that the parent or guardian may attend or may have the examination conducted privately at the parents' expense. No state-mandated examinations will be conducted without either written or dual witness verbal consent from either a parent or guardian. If a student refuses the examination despite having written permission, the parent or guardian shall be contacted and advised of their child's refusal. If a parent or guardian is unable to be reached, the student will not receive the examination. A parent or guardian will then be responsible for providing documentation of a private examination.

20 U.S.C.
Sec. 1232 h

The Superintendent or designee shall instruct all staff members to continually observe students for conditions that indicate physical defect or disability and to report such conditions to the school nurse.

SC 1406

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that notice is provided to all parents regarding the existence of and eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. 1401 – 1419

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.41, 403.1

State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.2, 23.45

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h

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