



**Section:** *Pupils*

**Title:** *Communicable Diseases  
and Immunization*

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### **203 *Communicable Diseases and Immunization***

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

#### **A. Immunization**

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

*No student shall be admitted to school for the first time who has not been immunized against such diseases as are enumerated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.*

*The implementation of this policy shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent and the building principal who shall be subject to sanctions of law for violation of the State statute for immunization of pupils.*

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

***The Superintendent shall:***

- 1. Annually review the state standards for immunization of pupils and direct the responsible district personnel accordingly;***
- 2. Inform parents and guardians of children prior to their entry to school for the first time of the requirements of immunization, the requisite proof of immunization, the exemption available for religious or medical reasons and the means by which such exemptions may be claimed; and***

3. *Investigate and recommend to the Board such district-sponsored programs of immunization as may from time to time be warranted by circumstances and the health of the school community. Any such program is subject to board approval and should be conducted in cooperation with local health agencies*

**B. Health Records**

*The District shall require that prior to admission to school for the first time that the parent(s) or guardian shall complete a medical history report form which shall include information regarding known communicable diseases. The nurse or school physician may use such reports to advise the parent of the need for further medical care.*

*The school nurse(s) shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority as required by the Department of Health.*

*All health records shall be confidential and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the child or at the request of the parent or guardian to a physician.*

**C. Attendance**

*The Board authorizes that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or who are suspected by the school nurse of having a disease shall be excluded from school for the period indicated by regulations of the Department of Health for certain specified diseases and infectious conditions.*

**D. Education**

*Instruction regarding communicable and life threatening diseases shall be provided by the schools in the educational program for all levels.*

*Parents and guardians shall be provided convenient opportunities to preview all instructional materials used in presentation of this subject.*

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