

WILKINSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
AND IMMUNIZATION

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<p>1. Authority SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.83</p> <p>SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.84</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.85 Pol. 201</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">203. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNIZATION</p> <p>In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, and in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the Board requires that established policy and guidelines be followed.</p> <p><u>Immunization</u></p> <p>All students shall be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with Pennsylvania statutes, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.</p> <p>No student shall be admitted to school for the first time who has not been immunized against diseases enumerated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, in the manner directed by the Secretary of Health.</p> <p>Implementation of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the head nurse, who shall be subject to the sanctions of law for violation of the state statute for immunization.</p> <p>A student shall be exempt from the requirements for immunization whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization for religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the child's physical condition contraindicates immunization.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annually review state standards for immunization and direct accordingly the responsible district personnel. 2. 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 may be claimed.
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	<p>3. Investigate and recommend to the Board district-sponsored programs of immunization as may 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.</p> <p><u>Health Records</u></p> <p>SC 1402 Pol. 209</p> <p>The district shall require that prior to a student's admittance to school for the first time the parent/guardian shall complete a medical history report form that includes information regarding known communicable diseases. The nurse or school physician may use such reports to advise the parent/guardian of the need for further medical care.</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 27.2, 27.23</p> <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>SC 1409</p> <p>All health records shall be confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student or at the request of the parent/guardian to a physician.</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 23.85</p> <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><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72</p> <p>The Board authorizes that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or who 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> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</p> <p>Instruction regarding communicable and life threatening diseases shall be provided by the schools in the educational program for all levels.</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4 Pol. 105.1, 105.2</p> <p>Parents/Guardians shall be provided convenient opportunities to preview all instructional materials used in presentation of this subject.</p>
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