

# PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
AND IMMUNIZATION

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	<p>203. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNIZATION</p>
<p>1. Purpose SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq Pol. 203.1</p>	<p>In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, including Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), the Board requires the following procedures to be used.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines</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>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.84</p>	<p>A child shall be exempt from the requirements for immunization whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization on religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the child's physical condition contraindicates immunization.</p>
<p>SC 1303a</p>	<p>Monitoring of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the nurse of each building.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall:</p>
	<p>1. Annually review the state standards for immunization of pupils and direct the responsible district personnel accordingly.</p>

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<p>SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84 23.85 Pol. 201</p>	<p>2. Inform parents/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.</p> <p>3. Investigate and recommend to the Board such district-sponsored programs of immunization that may be warranted by circumstances and the health of the school community. Any such program is subject to Board approval and may be conducted in cooperation with local health agencies.</p>
<p>SC 1402 Pol. 209</p>	<p><u>Health Records</u></p> <p>A comprehensive health record shall be maintained for each student enrolled in the district. The records shall include the results of required tests, measurements, screenings, and regular and special examinations.</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 to a physician at the written request of the parent/guardian.</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>The district shall require parents/guardians to annually complete a medical history report form that includes information regarding known communicable diseases.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72</p>	<p><u>Attendance</u></p> <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, or until approved for return to school by the school nurse or the personal physician, and/or the school physician.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.2, 27.23</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</p>	<p><u>Education</u></p> <p>Instruction regarding prevention of communicable and life threatening diseases shall be provided by the schools in the educational program for all levels, in accordance with state regulations.</p>

Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29	Parents/Guardians shall be informed of and be provided opportunities during school hours to review all curriculum materials used in such instruction.  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
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