

CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: IMMUNIZATIONS AND
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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203. IMMUNIZATIONS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	
<p>1. Authority SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq</p>	<p>In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires that established policy and guidelines be followed by students, parents/guardians and district staff.</p>
<p>2. Definitions Title 28 Sec. 23.82</p>	<p>Certificate of Immunization – the official form furnished by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The certificate is filled out by the parent/guardian or health care provider and signed by the health care provider, public health official or school nurse or a designee. The certificate is given to the school as proof of full immunization. The school maintains the certificate as the official school immunization record or stores the details of the record in a computer database.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.82</p>	<p>Medical Certificate – the official form furnished by the Pennsylvania Department of Health setting out the immunization plan for a student who is not fully immunized, filled out and signed by a physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant, or by a public health official when the immunization is provided by the Department of Health or a local health department, and given to a school as proof that the student is scheduled to complete the required immunizations.</p>
<p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Immunization</u></p>
<p>SC 1303a Title 28, Sec. 23.81 et seq Title 22 11.20</p>	<p>All students shall be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with Pennsylvania law and regulations, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.85</p>	<p>A certificate of immunization shall be maintained as part of the health record for each student, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p>
<p>SC 1303a Title 22</p>	<p>No student shall be admitted to or permitted to attend district schools who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulation, unless exempted for medical or</p>

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<p>Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85</p>	<p>religious reasons by the Superintendent or designee, or provisionally admitted by the Superintendent or designee after beginning a multiple dose vaccine series and submitting proof of immunization or a medical certificate on or before the fifth day of attendance.</p>
<p>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84</p>	<p>A student shall be exempt from immunization requirements whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization on religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the student's physical condition contraindicates immunization.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.85 Pol. 251, 200</p>	<p>Homeless students who have not been immunized or are unable to provide immunization records due to being homeless shall be admitted in accordance with the provisions of applicable law and regulations.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.85 Pol. 255</p>	<p>Foster care students and students transferring into a school within the Commonwealth shall be admitted in accordance with law and regulations, and shall have thirty (30) days to provide proof of immunization, a medical certificate detailing the plan to complete a multiple dose vaccine series or to satisfy the requirements for an exemption.</p>
<p>SC 1303a</p>	<p>Monitoring of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the head nurse.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.77, 23.83</p>	<p>Students attending child care group settings located in a school, a pre-kindergarten program or an early intervention program operated by the district shall be immunized in accordance with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) standards, in accordance with Pennsylvania statutes, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.</p>
<p>SC 1303a</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee 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 admission to school, or a grade

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<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85 Pol. 200, 201</p>	<p>requiring additional immunizations, 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.</p> <p>3. Investigate and recommend to the Board 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>Title 28 Sec. 23.82, 23. 85</p>	<p>4. Designate school personnel to review student medical certificates in accordance with law and regulations to ensure compliance with full immunization requirements.</p> <p>5. Tuberculosis – All children born outside of the United States and all children who have spent more than one (1) month outside of the United States within the past year and who lack documented written evidence of having a negative Mantoux test since their entry/re-entry into the U.S. will be directed to have a Mantoux skin test done before admission to the Carlisle Area School District. School entry will proceed with demonstration of a negative test or the initiation of appropriate treatment in the case of a positive test with a negative chest x-ray.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.86</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall report immunization data electronically to the Department of Health by December 31 of each year. If the district is unable to complete the report electronically, the Superintendent or designee shall report the immunization data on the required form to the Department of Health by December 15.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72 Pol. 204</p>	<p><u>Communicable Diseases</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, infectious conditions, and symptoms.</p>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.1, 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>The Superintendent or designee shall direct that health guidelines and universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases be implemented in district schools.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</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>

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<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29 Pol. 105.1</p>	<p>Parents/Guardians shall be informed of and be provided opportunities during school hours to review all curriculum materials used in instruction relative to communicable and life threatening diseases.</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 record shall include the results of required tests, measurements, screenings, 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>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1303a, 1402, 1409</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.20</p> <p>State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.81 et seq., 27.1, 27.2, 27.23, 27.71, 27.72, 27.77</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 105.1, 105.2, 200, 201, 204, 209</p>