

# HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: IMMUNIZATIONS AND  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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	203. IMMUNIZATIONS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
1. Authority SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq	In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires that established policy and administrative regulations be followed by students, parents/guardians, and district staff.
2. Guidelines	<u>Immunization</u>
	All students shall be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with state law and regulations, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.
Title 28 Sec. 23.85	A certificate of immunization shall be maintained as part of the health record for each student, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.
SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85	A student who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulations shall not be admitted to or permitted to attend district schools, unless exempted for medical or religious reasons or provisionally admitted, by the Superintendent.
SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84	A student shall be exempt from immunization requirements whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization on religious grounds or on the basis of a strong moral or ethical belief similar to a religious belief or whose physician certifies that the student's physical condition contraindicates immunization.
SC 1303a	<p>Monitoring of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the building nurses.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annually review state standards for immunization and direct accordingly the responsible district personnel.</li> </ol>

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<p>SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85 Pol. 200, 201</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Ensure that parents/guardians are being informed prior to a student's admission to school 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.</li> <li>3. Investigate and recommend to the Board district-sponsored programs of immunization that may be warranted to safeguard the health of the school community. Such program shall be subject to Board approval and may be conducted in cooperation with local health agencies.</li> <li>4. Direct that health guidelines and universal precautions designed to minimize transmission of communicable disease be implemented in all district schools.</li> </ol>
<p>Title 28 Sec. 23.86</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall report immunization data on the required form to the Department of Health by October 15 of each year.</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 and infectious conditions.</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>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29 Pol. 105.1</p>	<p>Parent/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><u>Health Records</u></p>
<p>SC 1402 Pol. 209</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, and medical questionnaires.</p>

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<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>
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