

# DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
AND IMMUNIZATION

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<p>203. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNIZATION</p>	
<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 administrative regulations be followed by students, parents/guardians and district staff guidelines be followed.</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, medical, or philosophical/strong moral, ethical conviction 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 as per ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices), unless provisionally admitted or exempted for medical, religious, or philosophical/strong moral, ethical conviction reasons by the Superintendent.</p> <p>Immunization records shall be provided prior to admission. Acceptable proof includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Doctor's statement.</li> <li>2. Clinic records.</li> <li>3. Acceptable transfer of immunization records.</li> </ol> <p>Immunization records shall be reviewed at registration.</p>
<p>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 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 on the basis of a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief, or whose physician certifies that the student's physical condition contraindicates immunization.</p>

SC 1303a	Monitoring of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the school nurse.
Title 28 Sec. 27.77	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.
SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85 Pol. 201	<p>The Superintendent shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annually review state standards for immunization and direct accordingly the responsible district personnel.</li> <li>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, medical reasons, or philosophical/strong moral, ethical conviction 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> </ol>
Title 28 Sec. 23.86	The Superintendent or designee shall report immunization data on the required form to the Department of Health by October 15 of each year.
SC 1402 Pol. 209	<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, and regular and special examinations, and medical questionnaires.</p>
SC 1409	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.
Title 28 Sec. 23.85	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.
Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72	<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 or by orders from the student's primary care</p>

<p>Title 28 Sec. 27.2, 27.23</p>	<p>provider.</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><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>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29</p>	<p>Parents/Guardians shall be informed of and be provided opportunities during school hours to review all curriculum materials used in such instruction relative to communicable and life-threatening diseases.</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> <p>NOTES:</p> <p>List of required immunizations can be found at 28 PA Code Sec. 23.83</p>