

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNIZATIONS

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# Palmyra Area School District

<p>1. SC 1303a     (a) Title 28 Sec. 23.84</p> <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>    SC 1303a     (a)</p> <p>    SC 1303a     (b)</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, including Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), the Board requires the following procedures to be used.</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 such diseases as are enumerated by the Advisory Health Board and in the manner directed by the Secretary of Health.</p> <p>The implementation of this policy shall be the responsibility of the building principal and certified school nurse who shall be subject to the sanctions of law for violation of the State statute for immunization of pupils.</p> <p>A child shall be exempt from the requirements for immunization whose parent or guardian objects in writing to such immunization for religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the child's physical condition contraindicates immunization.</p> <p><u>Physician's Certificate Following Communicable Disease</u></p> <p>The following regulations, appearing in Chapter III, Article 355, as amended, of the Department of Health shall apply:</p> <p>When a child is reported absent from school under suspicion of a communicable disease, the duration of absence from school will depend on the illness of the child and shall be at the discretion of attending physician.</p> <p>No person suffering from acute contagious conjunctivitis (pink eye),</p>
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impetigo, pediculosis, or scabies shall be permitted to attend any public school. Any person who has been excluded or has been absent from school because of these diseases shall be readmitted after examination by the school nurse or by certification of a physician.

Any Child of the Palmyra Area School District, Diagnosed As Having “AIDS”, Shall Not Be Automatically Excluded From Attending In A Normal School Setting.

This policy shall apply to all students in all programs conducted by the Palmyra Area School District.

Management of the School District for this policy shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent.

Each case shall be considered on an individual basis consistent with the recommendations of the Center of Disease Control.

A student with AIDS shall be permitted to participate in school district programs provided such admission has been approved by a Screen Committee consisting of the Superintendent, the school physician and a school nurse, with participation to be continuously monitored as the case progresses.

The committee shall consult with the attending physician, the child’s parents, and, if necessary, a representative of the state health department and/or physician specializing in the treatment of infectious communicable disease.

The decisions shall be based both on the student’s susceptibility to other diseases and the student’s likelihood of presenting risk of infection to others.

The identity of students with AIDS shall be confidential. All files that include listing of names and other confidential information of those with AIDS shall be kept under strict security by the Superintendent.

School Code  
 1303a. (a)  
 (b)  
 1402, 1409

PA Code  
 Title 28  
 Sec. 23.81,  
 23.83,  
 23.84,  
 23.85,

<p>27.2, 27.23, 27.71, 27.75</p>	
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