

Palmyra Area School District

No. 209

Section: PUPILS

Title: HEALTH SERVICES

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<p>1. Purpose SC 1402-3</p>	<p>In compliance with the School Code, the Board shall require that students of this district submit to health and dental examinations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease; 2. To ensure that the student's participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets his/her individual needs; and 3. To ensure that the learning potential of each child is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.
<p>2. Guidelines SC 1402</p>	<p>Heights, weights, and vision are checked annually in grades kindergarten to 12. Hearing testing is done annually in grades kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 7, and 11. All pupils with hearing losses or suspected difficulties are monitored annually.</p>
<p>SC 1402, 1407 Title 22 Sec. 7.13</p>	<p>All children in the Commonwealth are required to have a medical examination and comprehensive health appraisal upon original entry into school and while in sixth and eleventh grades. A private examination, conducted at the parent's expense, is recommended and will be accepted if completed within one year prior to a student's entry into the grade where an exam is required. Forms shall be available for reporting such examinations. When a private examination has not been provided, one will be conducted by the school physician.</p>
<p>SC 1403, 1407</p>	<p>All children in the Commonwealth are required to have a dental examination upon original entry into school, and while in third and seventh grades. A private examination, conducted at the parent's expense, is recommended and will be accepted if completed within one year prior to a student's entry into the grade where an exam is required. Forms shall be available for reporting such examinations. When a private examination has not been provided, one will be conducted by the school dentist.</p> <p>Growth measurements (height and weight) are done annually in kindergarten through grade 5 and annually in grades 6-12. Vision screenings are done</p>

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<p>Pol 203.1-PG</p>	<p>annually in grades K-12. Hearing screenings are done annually in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7, 11, and for special needs students or those with hearing difficulties.</p> <p>The following regulation will be observed for communicable diseases: the days of absence for communicable diseases will depend upon the course of treatment by the private physician.</p> <p>Any pupil showing an unusual or suspicious skin eruption, such as impetigo, MRSA, tinea (ringworm), scabies or scarlatina, may be excluded from school attendance until a physician shows written documentation of the disorder and a release to return to school. Any other symptoms which could be communicable, will require a physician's written certificate verifying that the condition is not transmittable.</p> <p>When a pupil has been found to have pediculosis (lice), the parent will be notified and the student sent home. The student will be excluded from school until the school nurse completes an examination and the head is clear of the live head lice. Procedures vary by level and will be shared with parents. A maximum of 2 days will be considered excused for the treatment process. Any additional absences will be referred to the principal for consultation.</p>
<p>SC 1409</p>	<p>For each pupil transferring to the schools of this district, the Superintendent shall request an adequate health record, including immunizations, from the transferring school.</p>
<p>SC 1409</p>	<p>The individual pupil records of health examinations shall be maintained as a confidential record subject to statute and the policies of this district.</p>
<p>SC 1419 Title 28 Sec. 23.44</p>	<p>A student who presents a statement signed by his/her parent or guardian that a medical examination is contrary to his/her religious beliefs shall be examined only when the Secretary of Health determines that the student presents a substantial health menace to the health of other persons.</p>
<p>SC 1402, 1406 Title 22 Sec. 7.13</p>	<p>Where it appears to school health officials or teachers that a child deviates from normal growth and development or where school examinations reveal conditions requiring health or dental care, the parent or guardian of the child shall be so informed and a recommendation shall be made that the parent consult a private physician or dentist. The parent shall be required to report to the school the action taken subsequent to such notification. When the parents or guardians inform the school of financial inability to provide an examination, the school shall advise them of the availability of public assistance (CHIP - PA Children's Health Insurance Program).</p>
<p>SC 1405 Title 28 Sec 23.2</p>	<p>Parents and guardians of children who are to be examined shall be notified of such examinations. The notice shall include the date and location of the examination and encouragement that the parent or guardian attend.</p>

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Such notice may also include notification that the parent may have the examination conducted privately at the parent's expense and notification that the child may be exempted from such examination if it is contrary to the parent's religious beliefs.

The Superintendent shall instruct all staff members to observe students continually for conditions that indicate physical defect or disability and to report such conditions promptly to the school nurse.

Reporting Accidents

All accidents occurring to pupils on school property shall be reported immediately to the school nurse. (The nurse will, in turn, report such accidents to the Principal on an accident report).

In addition to the nurse, the principal's office shall be informed immediately. The school nurse shall be responsible for informing the pupil's parents, guardian, or school physician, if necessary.