

BERMUDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
AND IMMUNIZATION

ADOPTED: March 14, 2006

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<p>1. Authority SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83</p> <p>SC 1303a</p> <p>SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.84</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.85 Pol. 201</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, the Board requires that established policy and guidelines be followed.</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 or permitted to attend district schools who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulations, unless provisionally admitted or exempted for medical or religious reasons by the Superintendent.</p> <p>Implementation of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and a certified school nurse, who shall be subject to the sanctions of law for violation of the state statute for immunization.</p> <p>A student shall be exempt from the requirements for immunization whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization for religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the child's physical condition contraindicates immunization.</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 entry to school for the first time 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.
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	<p>3. Investigate and recommend to the Board district-sponsored programs of immunization as may be warranted by circumstances and the health of the school community. Any such program is subject to Board approval and should be conducted in cooperation with local health agencies.</p> <p><u>Health Records</u></p> <p>SC 1402 Pol. 209</p> <p>The district shall require that prior to a student's admittance to school for the first time the parent/guardian shall complete a medical history report form that includes information regarding known communicable diseases. The nurse or school physician may use such reports to advise the parent/guardian of the need for further medical care.</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 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>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, and 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 a physician at the written request of the parent/guardian to a physician.</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 23.85</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The district shall require parents/guardians to annually complete a medical history report form that includes information regarding known communicable diseases.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72</p> <p>The Board authorizes that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or who 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>When a student is known to have been exposed to a communicable disease, the principal shall have the authority to consult with a physician concerning the exclusion of the student from school for the incubation period of the disease, or to follow other requirements of the State Department of Health.</p>
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<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29 Pol. 105.1, 105.2</p>	<p>Students excluded for contagious diseases shall be readmitted only upon a written statement submitted by the school nurse, family physician or district physician.</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>Parents/Guardians shall be informed of and be provided opportunities during school hours to review all curriculum materials used in such instruction.</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, 27.2, 27.23, 27.71, 27.72</p> <p>Board Policy – 105.1, 105.2, 200, 201, 209</p>
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