SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/ SCREENINGS

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209. HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/SCREENINGS

1. Purpose SC 1401, 1402, 1403 Title 22 Sec. 12.41	In compliance with the School Code, the Board shall require that district students submit to health and dental examinations in order to protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease; to ensure that the student's participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets his/her individual needs; and to ensure that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.
2. Authority SC 1402, 1407 Title 22 Sec. 12.41	Each student shall provide a copy of a private comprehensive health examination upon original entry, in sixth grade and in eleventh grade.
SC 1403, 1407 Title 22 Sec. 12.41	Each student shall provide a copy of a comprehensive private dental examination upon original entry, in third grade and in seventh grade.
SC 1407	A school health and/or dental examination can be conducted at the parent's in lieu of the private examination. The district will accept reports of privately conducted physical and dental examinations completed within one (1) year prior to a student's entry into the grade where an exam is required.
SC 1402 Title 22 Sec. 12.41 Title 28 Sec. 23.1 et seq	Each student shall receive, from the school nurse or medical technician, vision tests, hearing tests, height and weight measurements and other tests deemed advisable, at intervals established by the district.
SC 1409 Pol. 216	The individual records of health examinations shall be maintained as a confidential record, subject to all applicable laws, regulations and Board policies.

SC 1419 Title 28 Sec. 23.45	A student who presents a statement signed by the parent/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 menace to the health of others.
SC 1402, 1406 Title 22 Sec. 12.41	Where it appears to school health officials or teachers that a student deviates from normal growth and development or where school examinations reveal conditions requiring health or dental care, the parent/guardian shall be informed; and a recommendation shall be made that the parent/guardian consult a private physician or dentist. The parent/guardian shall be required to report to the school the action taken subsequent to such notification. When the parent/guardian informs the school of financial inability to provide an examination, the school shall advise him/her of the availability of public assistance. Where no action is taken, the school may conduct further examinations.
SC 1405 Title 28 Sec. 23.2 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h	Parents/Guardians of students who request a school physical and dental examinations or screenings shall be notified. The notice shall include the date and location of the examination or screening and notice that the parent/guardian may attend or may submit a copy of a private physical and/or dental examination or screening. Such statement may also include notification that the student may be exempted from such examination or screening if it is contrary to the parent's/guardian's religious beliefs.
3. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1402	The Superintendent or designee shall instruct all staff members to observe continually students for conditions that indicate health problems or disability and report promptly such conditions to the school nurse.
SC 1409	The Superintendent or designee shall request an adequate health record from the transferring school for each student transferring into the district.
SC 1406	The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that notice is provided to all parents/guardians regarding the existence of and eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

	References: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1401-1419 State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.41, 403.1 State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.1 et seq. No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h Board Policy – 216