### **Board Policy**

CATEGORY: Health POLICY NUMBER: 402

TITLE: IMMUNIZATIONS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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1. Authority	In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain
SC 1303a	communicable diseases, the Board requires that established policy and administrative regulations be followed by students, parents/guardians, and
Title 28	charter school staff.
Sec. 23.81 et seq	
	<u>Immunization</u>
2. Guidelines	
	All students shall be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with Pennsylvania statutes, unless specifically exempt for medical, religious, or strong moral ethical conviction similar to religious belief.
Title 28 Sec. 23.85, 23.82	A certificate of immunization shall be maintained as part of the health record for each student, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. This certificate is filled out by the parent or healthcare provider and signed by the health care provider, public health official, or school nurse or a designee. The certificate is given to the school as proof of full immunization. The school maintains the certificate as the official school immunization record or stores the details of the record in a computer database.
	A student who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulations shall not be admitted to or permitted to attend charter schools, unless exempted for medical, religious, or strong moral ethical conviction reasons, or provisionally admitted by the Chief Executive Officer.

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SC 1303a	
Title 22	
Sec. 11.20	A student shall be exempt from the requirements for immunizations whose
Title 28	parent or guardian objects in writing to such immunization for religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the student's physical condition
Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85	contraindicates immunization.
SC 1303a	
Title 22	
Sec. 11.20	A student unable to provide documentation of immunizations because of homeless status, moving or transferring into the school within the state, or
Title 28	children in the foster care system will be enrolled per the Pennsylvania
Sec. 23.83, 23.84	Department of Health Procedure Manual School Immunization Regulations.
	Monitoring of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the
Title 28	Chief Executive Officer or designee and the Certified School Nurse, who shall be subject to the sanctions of law for violations of the state statute for
Sec. 23.85	immunizations.
SC 1303a	School administrators should assist parents by informing them of the immunizations that their children are lacking and the county or local immunization services available. Questions related to school immunization requirements and available resources should be directed to the Department of Health, Division of Immunizations at 717-787-568.
SC 13 - 1303a	Students attending child care group settings located in a school, a pre-kindergarten program or an early intervention program operated by the charter school shall be immunized in accordance with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) standards.
	The Chief Executive Officer or designee and Certified School Nurse shall:

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	Annually review state standards for immunizations and direct the responsible charter school personnel accordingly.
	Ensure that parents/guardians are informed prior to a student's admission to
Title 28 Sec. 27.77	school of the requirements for immunization, the requisite proof of immunization, exemption available for medical, religious, or strong moral ethical convictions similar to religious belief, and means by which such
	exemptions may be claimed
	Investigate and recommend the Board refer to health agencies 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.
	The Chief Executive Officer or Certified School Nurse shall report immunization data on the required form to the Department of Health yearly.
SC 1303a	
Title 28	
Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85	

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Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72	The Board authorizes that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or are suspected, by the school nurse, of having a disease, shall be excluded from school for the period indicated by regulations of the Department of Health for certain specified diseases and infectious conditions.
Title 28 Sec. 27.1, 27.2, 27.23	The school nurse shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority, as required by the Department of Health.
	The Chief Executive Officer or designee shall direct that health guidelines and universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases be implemented in charter schools.
	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.
Title 22 Sec. 4.29	Parents/Guardians shall be informed of and be provided opportunities during school hours to review all curriculum materials used in instruction relative to communicable and life-threatening diseases.
Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29	The charter school shall require that prior to admission to school and annually the parent/guardian shall complete a medical history report form that includes information regarding known communicable diseases.
SC 1402 Pol. 209	All health records shall be confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student and/or to the physician at the written request of the parent/guardian.

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SC 1409	
Pol. 209	References:
	School Code - 24 P.S. Sec 1303a, 1402, 1409
	State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.20
	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