

ARTS ACADEMY ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Policy

CATEGORY: Health

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TITLE: HEALTH EXAMINATIONS / SCREENINGS

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<p>1. Authority SC 1401, 1402, 1403 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>In compliance with the School Code, the Board shall require that charter school students submit to health and dental examinations in order to protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease and to ensure that the student's participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets their individual needs and that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines SC 1402, 1407 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>Each student shall receive a comprehensive health examination upon original entry into school, and in subsequent grades specified in the school code. These examinations will be conducted by the school physician. A private examination conducted at the parents'/guardian's request and at their expense will be accepted in lieu of a school examination.</p>
<p>SC 1403, 1407 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>Each student shall receive a comprehensive dental examination upon original entry, third grade, and in subsequent grades specified in the school code. These examinations will be conducted by the school dentist. A private examination conducted at the parents'/guardian's request and at their expense will be accepted in lieu of a school examination.</p>
<p>SC 1419 Title 28 Sec. 23.45</p>	<p>The charter school shall 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.</p> <p>Height and weight measurements and vision tests shall be performed annually for all students. Height and weight measurements shall be used to calculate the</p>

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<p>SC 1402, 1406 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>student's weight - for - height ratio. Specific screening tests may be administered to students in certain grades.</p>
<p>SC 1405 Title 28 Sec. 23.2</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>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 parents/guardians inform the school of financial inability to provide an examination, the school shall advise them of the availability of public assistance and/or community resources. If the parent/guardian fails to report the action taken, the school nurse or school physician shall contact appropriate authorities.</p>
<p>SC 1402, 1406 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>Parents/Guardians of children who are to receive physical dental examinations or screenings shall be notified. The notice shall include the date and location of the examination and notice that the parent/ guardian may attend.</p>
<p>SC 1406</p>	<p>The director or designee shall instruct all staff members to continually observe students for conditions that indicate health problems or disability and to report such conditions promptly to the school nurse.</p> <p>The Chief Executive Officer 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).</p>

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	<p><u>Health Records</u></p> <p>A comprehensive health record shall be maintained for each student enrolled in the charter school. The record shall include a record of immunizations, the results of required tests, measurements, screenings, regularly scheduled examinations and special examinations, and medical questionnaires.</p> <p>All health records shall be kept confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student and/or to the physician at the request of the parents/guardian.</p> <p>The charter school shall require that prior to admission to school and annually the parent/guardian shall complete a medical history report that includes information regarding known communicable diseases.</p> <p>Parents/guardians shall complete the medical and developmental questionnaire on original enrollment, as well as the annual student health update, including information on any medical conditions, medical history, and allergies.</p> <p>Designated school staff shall request from the transferring school the health records of students transferring into the school. Children transferred from other school systems shall be examined as soon as possible after the transfer regardless of their age or grade if an adequate health record is not made available by the original school.</p> <p>Staff shall respond to such requests for the health records of students transferring from the charter school to other schools.</p> <p>The charter school shall destroy student health records only after the student has not been enrolled in the charter school for at least two (2) years.</p> <p>References:</p>
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	<p>School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1401 - 1409</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 12.41, 403.1</p> <p>State Department of Health Regulations - 28 PA Code Sec. 23.1 et seq.</p>
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