

# LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
AND IMMUNIZATION

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|  | 203. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNIZATION  |
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| 1. Authority<br>SC 1303a<br>Title 28<br>Sec. 23.84                                 | In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires that established policy and guidelines concerning communicable diseases and immunization be followed.  |
| 2. Guidelines  | <u>Immunization</u>  |
| SC 1303a<br>Act 15 of 1996<br>Title 22<br>Sec. 11.20                               | All students shall be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with Pennsylvania statutes, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.<br><br>No student shall be admitted to school for the first time who has not been immunized against diseases enumerated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, in the manner directed by the Secretary of Health.   |
| SC 1303a   | Implementation of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the building principal, head nurse, who shall be subject to the sanctions of law for violation of the state statute for immunization.  |
| SC 1303a<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Title 28<br>Sec. 23.83<br>Pol. 201 | A student shall be exempt from the requirements for immunization whose parent or guardian objects in writing to such immunization for religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the child's physical condition contraindicates immunization.<br><br>The Superintendent or designee shall:<br><br>1. Review annually state standards for immunization and direct accordingly the responsible district personnel.<br><br>2. Inform parents and guardians prior to a student's entry to school for the first time of the requirements for immunization, 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 for its approval any district or state sponsored programs of immunization that may be warranted by circumstances and are conducted in cooperation with local or state health agencies.</p> <p><u>Health Records</u></p>   |
| SC 1402<br>Pol. 209                       | The district shall require that prior to a student's admission to school for the first time the parent or guardian completes a medical history report form which includes information regarding known communicable diseases. The nurse or school physician may use such reports to advise the parent of the need for further medical care. |
| Title 28<br>Sec. 27.2, 27.23              | The school nurse shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate health authority, as required by the Department of Health.  |
| SC 1409                                   | All health records shall be confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student or to a physician at the request of the parent or guardian.   |
| Title 28<br>Sec. 23.85                    | <p>As part of the health record, a certificate of immunization shall be maintained for each enrolled student, as required by the Department of Health.</p> <p>The district shall require parents or guardians to annually update a medical history report form that includes information regarding known communicable diseases.</p>        |
|   | <u>Attendance</u>  |
| Title 28<br>Sec. 27.71, 27.72             | 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.   |
|   | <u>Education</u>   |
| Title 22<br>Sec. 4.29                     | Instruction regarding communicable and life-threatening diseases shall be provided by the schools in the educational program for students at all levels.   |
| Title 22<br>Sec. 4.4<br>Pol. 105.1, 105.2 | Parents and guardians shall be provided convenient opportunities to preview all instructional materials used in presentation of this subject.  |