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Authority

In compliance with the School Code, the Board of School Directors (“Board”) of Springfield School District (“District”) shall require that students of this District submit to health and dental examinations:[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

1. To protect the school community from the spread of communicable diseases;
2. To ensure that the student’s participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets his/her individual needs; and
3. To ensure that the learning potential of each child is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.

Each student shall receive a comprehensive health examination upon original entry, while in sixth grade and in eleventh grade. These examinations will be conducted by the school physician. A private examination conducted at the parents' request and at their expense will be accepted in lieu of the school examination.[\[2\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

Each student shall receive a comprehensive dental examination upon original entry, while in third grade and in seventh grade. These examinations will be conducted by the school dentist or via the school dental hygienist. A private examination conducted at the parents' request and at their expense will be accepted in lieu of the school examination.[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

A private health and/or dental examination conducted at the parents’/guardians’ request and expense shall be accepted in lieu of the school examination. The District shall accept reports of privately conducted physical and dental examinations completed within one (1) calendar year prior to a student’s entry into the grade where an exam is required. The private exam must meet all standards of School District criteria.[\[5\]](#)

The school nurse or medical technician shall administer or supervise each student’s vision test, hearing test, or other tests deemed advisable, and height and weight measurements, at intervals established by the District. Height and weight measurements shall be used to calculate the student’s weight-for-height ratio.[\[2\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

For each student transferring to the schools of this District, the Superintendent shall request an adequate health record from the transferring school. Student enrollment may be delayed until proof

of immunizations have been received.

The individual student records of health examinations shall be maintained as a confidential record subject to statute and the policies of this District.[\[7\]](#)

A student who presents a statement signed by his/her 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 health risk to the health of other persons. During certain health-related events, non-immunized students may be required to stay home.[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

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. If the parent/guardian fails to report the action taken, the school nurse or school physician may arrange for a special medical examination for the student.[\[2\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[10\]](#)

In the event that the parent/guardian objects to or refuses to obtain a regular or special medical or dental examination or refuses to permit the child to be examined as arranged by the school nurse or school physician, the school nurse, in consultation with the school physician, shall determine whether the student appears to have unaddressed health conditions such that under the circumstances the refusal should be reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Health or other appropriate authorities.

Parents/Guardians of students who are to receive 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 have the examination or screening conducted privately at the parent's/guardian's expense. 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.[\[11\]](#)[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)

Health Records

The District shall maintain for each student a comprehensive health record which includes a record of immunizations and the result of test, measurements, regularly scheduled examinations and special examinations.[\[2\]](#)

All health records shall be confidential and shall be disclosed only when necessary for the health of the student or when requested by the parent/guardian in accordance with law and Board policy.[\[7\]](#)
[\[14\]](#)

Designated District staff shall request from the transferring school the health records of students transferring into District schools. Staff shall respond to such requests for the health records of students transferring from District schools to other schools.[\[7\]](#)

The District shall destroy student health records only after the student has not been enrolled in District schools for at least two (2) years.[\[7\]](#)[\[15\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall instruct all staff members to continually observe students for conditions that indicate health problems or disability and to promptly report such conditions to the school nurse.[\[2\]](#)

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).[\[10\]](#)

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1. 24 P.S. 1401
2. 24 P.S. 1402
3. 24 P.S. 1403
4. 22 PA Code 12.41
5. 24 P.S. 1407
6. 28 PA Code 23.1 et seq
7. 24 P.S. 1409
8. 24 P.S. 1419
9. 28 PA Code 23.45
10. 24 P.S. 1406
11. 24 P.S. 1405
12. 28 PA Code 23.2
13. 20 U.S.C. 1232h
14. Pol. 216
15. Pol. 800
- 24 P.S. 1401-1419
- 22 PA Code 403.1
- 23 Pa. C.S.A. 6301 et seq
- 20 U.S.C. 1232g
- 34 CFR Part 99
- Pol. 805
- Pol. 806