

# **LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

POLICY: 209  
SECTION: PUPILS  
TITLE: HEALTH EXAMINATIONS  
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## **209. HEALTH EXAMINATIONS**

### **Authority**

In compliance with the School Code, the Board shall require that students of this district submit to health and dental examinations in order to:

1. Protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease.
2. Ensure that the student's participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets his/her individual needs.
3. Ensure that the learning potential of each child is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.<sup>1</sup>

### **Guidelines**

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 parent's/guardians request and at their expense will be accepted in lieu of the school examination. A private physical examination report form shall be provided by the school to those students who request a private physical examination. Private physical examination reports shall be furnished prior to the date fixed for the regularly scheduled examination but no earlier than four months prior to the opening of the school term during which the regular examination is scheduled.<sup>2</sup>

Each student shall receive a comprehensive dental examination upon original entry, while in third grade and in seventh grade. These examinations will be

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<sup>1</sup> 24 P.S. 1401-1403; 22 Pa. Code. 12.41.

<sup>2</sup> 24 P.S. 1402; 1407; 22 Pa. Code. 12.41.

conducted by the school dentist. A private examination conducted at the parent's/guardians request and at their expense will be accepted in lieu of the school examination. A private dental examination report form shall be provided by the school to those students who request a private dental examination. Private dental examination reports shall be furnished prior to the date fixed for the regularly scheduled examination but no earlier than four months prior to the opening of the school term during which the regular examination is scheduled.<sup>3</sup>

For each student transferring to the schools of this district the Superintendent or his/her designee shall request an adequate health record from the transferring school.

Each student shall receive, from the school nurse, health room nurse, or medical technician vision tests, hearing tests, height and weight measurements, tuberculosis tests, and other tests deemed advisable, at intervals established by the district.<sup>4</sup>

The individual student records of health examinations shall be maintained as a confidential record subject to statute and the policies of this district.<sup>5</sup>

A student who presents a statement signed by his/her parent or 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 other persons.<sup>6</sup>

Where it appears to school health officials or teachers that a child deviates from normal growth and development or where school examinations reveal conditions requiring health or dental care, the parent or guardian of the child shall be so 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 or guardians inform the school of financial inability to provide an examination, the school shall advise them of the availability of public assistance. Where no action is taken, the school may conduct further examinations and refer cases of medical neglect as required by state mandate.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> 24 P.S. 1403; 1407; 22 Pa. Code. 12.41.

<sup>4</sup> 24 P.S. 1402; 22 Pa. Code. 12.41; 28 Pa. Code. 23.1 et seq.

<sup>5</sup> 24 P.S. 1409.

<sup>6</sup> 24 P.S. 1419; 28 Pa. Code. 23.44.

<sup>7</sup> 24 P.S. 1402(d); 1406; 22 Pa. Code. 12.41.

Parents and guardians of children who are to be examined shall be notified of such examinations. The notice shall include the date and location of the examination and encouragement that the parent or guardian attend.<sup>8</sup>

Such notice may also include notification that the parent may have the examination conducted privately at the parent's expense and notification that the child may be exempted from such examination if it is contrary to the parent's religious beliefs.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall instruct all staff members to observe students continually for conditions that indicate physical defect or disability and to report such conditions promptly to the school nurse.<sup>9</sup>

The Superintendent or designee shall request an adequate health record, to include but not be limited to the required immunizations needed for enrollment, from the sending school for each student transferring into the district.<sup>10</sup>

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) and other public assistance programs that provide health care services.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> 24 P.S. 1405; 22 Pa. Code. 403.1; 28 Pa. Code. 23.2 (e); 20 U.S.C.1232h.

<sup>9</sup> 24 P.S. 1402.

<sup>10</sup> 24 P.S. 1409.

<sup>11</sup> 24 P.S. 1406.