

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

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Farrell Area School District

209. HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

1. Purpose

SC 1402-3

In compliance with the School Code, the Board shall require that students of this district submit to health and dental examinations to protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease; to ensure that the student's participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets his/her individual needs; and to ensure that the learning potential of each child is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.

2. Guidelines

Every child of school age shall be provided with school nurse services. The number of students under the care of any one nurse shall not exceed the limit set by state law.

Health Records

SC 1409

The nurse will maintain a cumulative health record for each student in grades K through 12. Included in it will be the results of all examinations and screenings and all pertinent health information provided by the child's parent or physician. In addition, a separate immunization card will be maintained for each child.

Pol. 203

Pol. 216

The contents of health records shall be considered confidential information and will be released upon request of the receiving agency only after written permission from the legal child care agent.

SC 1409

When a student transfers to another school district, health records will be sent to the child's new school upon receipt of a written request from the receiving school. Original health records will be sent to Pennsylvania school districts; copies will be sent to out-of-state school districts.

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If not requested, health records will be maintained for at least two (2) years after the child ceases to be enrolled. health records and immunization cards may be given to graduating students.

Medical and Dental Examinations

SC 1402
1407

A medical examination and a health appraisal will be provided for every child upon original entry into school, kindergarten or grade 1, grade 6, and grade 11.

SC 1403
1407

A dental examination will be provided for every child upon original entry into school, kindergarten or grade 1, in grade 3, and in grade 7.

It is preferred that this medical examination be completed by the child's personal physician and that the dental examination be completed by the child's personal dentist; such recommendation will be made to the legal child care agent prior to the examination year. If this option is chosen, an appropriate form will be provided for completion by the child's physician and/or dentist. The cost of these examinations will be assumed by the legal child care agent.

SC 1405

Students who do not return a completed medical or dental examination form will be provided the medical and dental examination at the district's expense. The legal child care agent shall be advised in advance of the scheduled examination and may be present, if desired.

SC 1402 (d)
1406
1415

The school nurse will assist the school physician and school dentist in all examinations. Abnormal findings will be reported to the legal child care agent with instructions to seek further medical or dental attention. The legal child care agent will be responsible for providing to the school nurse the results of further medical or dental attention.

SC 1419
Title 28
Sec. 23.44

A student will be exempt from any mandated medical or dental examination if the legal child care agent objects on religious grounds. There will be no discrimination against such a student. Exemptions from such examinations will not be granted if it is determined that the exemption constitutes a danger to the health of other persons exposed to the unexamined person.



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Screening Services

Each child of school age will be provided with the following mandated screening services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Provider</u>
Vision test	Annually, grades K - 12	School Nurse
Hearing test	K, 1, 2, 3, 7, 11, all students with known losses, and all special educa- tion students	School Nurse
Height and Weight	Annually, grades K - 12	School Nurse
Tuberculosis test	K and 9	School Nurse
Scoliosis screening	6 and 7	School Nurse

Results of all the above services shall be re-
corded in the health record.

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Abnormal findings will be reported to the legal
child care agent on standard forms with instructions
to consult an appropriate health care provider and to
provide to the school the result of this further exam-
ination.

First Aid and Emergency Care

The school nurse shall maintain an emergency in-
formation card for each student.

The school nurse shall provide emergency care
and first aid using the standing orders provided by
the school physician and, in accord with acceptable
standards.

In the event of a student's sudden illness or
accident, the school nurse shall administer immediate
care, notify the legal child agent or designee, and
advise the family on transportation and a source of



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medical care, when appropriate. The school district shall not be responsible for the transportation of a sick or injured child, unless it is a life-threatening emergency.

In an emergency, an ambulance may be called for transportation without prior consent to the legal child care agent or designee, at the discretion of the school nurse or the building principal. The cost of such transportation will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Accident reports shall be completed on all incidents for which a student requires medical attention or misses more than one-half day of school due to the injury. This report will be completed by the school nurse with information provided by the student and the appropriate staff member.

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