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OXFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

In compliance with the Pennsylvania School Code, the board shall require that district students submit to health examinations in order to:

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

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures regarding health examinations and screenings.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/SCREENINGS

Physical Examination

Each student shall receive a comprehensive physical examination upon entry, in sixth and in eleventh grade. A private health examination conducted at the parent/guardian's request and expense will be accepted on lieu of the school examination. The district will accept reports of privately conducted physical examinations completed within one (1) year prior to a student's entry into the grade where the exam is required.

Parents/guardians who do not present a completed physical from their private health care provider shall be notified of the availability of the school district's physician. The final notice shall include the health care provider, date, location, and an invitation to attend the physical examination, which is of no cost to the family. Parents/guardians will be notified of the results of the physical examination in writing and encouraged to report findings to the private health care provider. If the family indicates that help is needed in procuring a private health care provider, assistance will be given.

Where it appears to school personnel that a student deviates from normal growth and development or when the school examination reveals conditions requiring health care, the parents/guardians shall be informed. A recommendation shall be made that the parents/guardians consult a private health care provider. The parents/guardians 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 necessary care, the school shall advise the parents/guardians of the availability of public assistance. Where no action is taken, the school will continue procedures to advocate for the student's health and wellness.

Examinations will not be provided without the parents/guardian written consent.

Dental Examination

Each student shall receive a comprehensive dental examination upon entry, in third grade and in seventh grade. A private dental examination conducted at the parents'/guardians' request and expense will be accepted on lieu of the school examination. The district will accept reports of privately conducted dental examinations completed within one (1) year prior to a student's entry into the grade where the exam is required.

Parents/guardians who do not present a completed dental form from their private dentist shall be notified of the availability of the school district's dentist. The final notice shall include the dentist, date, location, and an invitation to attend the dental examination, which is of no cost to the family. Parents/guardians will be notified of the results of the dental examination in writing and encouraged to report findings to the private dentist. If the family indicates that help is needed in procuring - dental care, assistance will be given.

When the school examination reveals conditions requiring dental care, the parents/guardians shall be informed. A recommendation shall be made that the parents/guardians consult a private dentist. The parents/guardians 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 necessary care, the school shall advise the parents/guardians of the availability of public assistance. Where no action is taken, the school will continue procedures to advocate for the student's health and wellness.

Examinations will not be provided without the parents/guardians written consent.

Individual records of health examinations shall be maintained as a confidential record, subject to statute and Board policy.

Mandated Health Screenings

Vision screenings will be provided for students K-12 according to PA Dept. of Health guidelines. Results will be sent to the parents/guardians in writing. Assistance to obtain additional care as warranted will be offered.

Hearing screenings will be provided for students in grades K-3, 7, 11 and, as indicated by need or request, according to PA Dept. of Health guidelines. Results will be sent to the parents/guardians in writing. Assistance to obtain additional care as warranted will be offered.

Height and Weight screenings will be provided for students K-12 as established by the PA Dept of Health. Body Mass Index (BMI) will be calculated. Results will be sent to the parents/guardians in writing. This correspondence will be:

- Mailed to the parent/guardian in an official school envelope and addressed to the parent/guardian
- In lieu of a mailing, the parent/guardian may opt to have the information electronically mailed.

Resources will be made available to:

- Describe why information is sent
- Assist to remedy the health issue

Assistance to obtain additional care as warranted will be offered.

Scoliosis screenings will be provided for students in grades 6 and 7 and as indicated by need or request, according to PA Dept. of Health Guidelines. Results will be sent to the parents/guardians in writing. Assistance to obtain additional care as warranted will be offered.

Individual records of health examinations and screenings shall be maintained as a confidential record, subject to statute and Board policy.