

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Education Center
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Policy Committee Meeting

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Review of Policies-- 203: Immunizations and Communicable Diseases, 203.1: HIV Infection, 205: Postgraduate Students, 209: Health Examinations/Screenings, 209.1: Food Allergy Management, 209.2: Diabetes Management, 210: Medication, 210.1: Possession/Administration of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

Policy 203: Immunizations and Communicable Diseases:

Additions to policy: students between 11 and 12 years old to receive MCV and Tdap for seventh grade immunizations.

Upon entry to school, parent/guardian has 5 days to submit a Certificate of Immunization, a Medical Certificate or a letter of Exemption.

Certificate of Immunization required and given to the school as proof of full immunization.

Medical Certificate required and given to the school as proof that the student is scheduled to complete required immunizations.

Exemptions still apply and can be medical, ethical, religious or moral.

Homeless students who have not been immunized or are unable to provide records due to being homeless shall be admitted. Foster care students and students transferring into a school within the Commonwealth have 30 days to provide proof of immunization, a medical certificate detailing the plan to complete a multiple dose vaccine series or to satisfy the requirements for an exemption.

Designated school personnel review student medical certificates and state standards for immunization are reviewed every year.

Policy 203.1: HIV infection:

Prevention education shall be taught at every grade level as part of the curriculum and include reducing the risk of HIV infection. Curriculum will be age appropriate. A student shall be excused when the instruction conflicts with the religious beliefs or principles of student/parent/guardian.

School authorities shall determine the educational placement on a case by case basis by following Board policies and administrative regulations established for students with chronic health problems and students with disabilities. A screening team shall determine educational placement base upon student's need for accommodations or services.

Staff are required to get written consent from the family in order to share information within the school system.

Policy 205: Postgraduate:

The Board shall assume no responsibility for making its regular educational program available to District residents who are high school graduates, nor after the end of the term in which a student reaches 21. IDEA is until 21 and we will educate under IDEA.

Policy 209: Health Examination/Screenings:

The school nurse shall administer to each student vision tests, scoliosis screening, hearing tests, other tests deemed advisable, and height and weight measurements and height and weight ratios.

Each student shall receive a comprehensive health examination conducted by their private physician upon kindergarten or original entry, sixth grade and eleventh grade.

Each student shall receive a comprehensive dental exam conducted by their private dentist upon kindergarten or original entry, third grade and seventh grade.

District will provide exams if the parent cannot obtain.

District shall maintain health records for each student, including immunizations, result of tests, measurements and special exams

Health records are transferred for students transferring from district schools to other schools. The district shall destroy student health records only after the student has not been enrolled in district schools for at least two years.

Notice is provided to all parents/guardians regarding the existence of and eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

**Discussion by committee members to check the length of time that health records should be kept by the district.

Policy 209.1: Food Allergy Management:

Focus of food allergy management shall be on prevention, education, awareness, communication and emergency response.

Definition of food allergy: an abnormal, adverse reaction to a food that is triggered by the body's immune system.

Medical plans of care: EHP-written by doctor, IHP written by school health personnel and school team

1. Emergency care plan-based on the information provided in the student's IHP and distributed to all school personnel who have responsibilities for the student. Describes how to recognize a food allergy emergency and what to do when signs or symptoms of these conditions are observed.
2. Individualized healthcare plan-a medical plan of care that provides written directions for school health personnel to follow in meeting the individual student's healthcare needs. The plan has functional problem areas, sets goals for overcoming problem and lists tasks, interventions to meet goals. The plan should be developed by the student's personal healthcare team and family.
3. Related services component in IEP-IHP is embedded into IEP
4. Section 504-medical plan of care which references development and implementation of an IHP and ECP as well as other accommodations, educational aids and services

Prior to enrollment or immediately after diagnosis of a food allergy, appropriate medical plans of care (ECP, IHP, Section 504 and/or IEP) shall be developed

The plan should cover and care for the student during the school day as well as during school sponsored activities. Medical plans include a component which provides information to the school nutrition service, preventative measures to help avoid accidental exposure to allergens and emergency measures.

A complete set of current medical plans are maintained by school nurse and components of the medical plans of care are provided to appropriate personnel

Students with disabling special dietary needs shall have accommodations, substitutions or modifications in accordance with the medical plans of care. A written medical statement must be provided by student physician.

Students with nondisabling special dietary needs may make appropriate accommodations, substitutions or modifications for students who have a special dietary need but do not meet the definition of disability. The decision to accommodate such a student shall be made on a case by case basis. A written medical statement by should be provided.

Policy 209.2: Diabetes Management

Diabetes medicine management plan describes the medical orders or diabetes regimen developed and signed by the student's health care plan

Act 86 allows for a non-medical staff members to be trained to assess and administer diabetes care management. (new to policy and recommended to be a part of the policy)

A written request from the parent/guardian that the student possess and use diabetic medication and monitoring equipment is acceptable

Policy 210: Medications

Policy requires medical documents to administer medications. School nurses only allowed to administer. Every 2 years regulations are reviewed. CSNs supervise staff nurses to review health plans.

Medications must be in original prescription bottle, have a clear name of recipient, name of medication, and dosage. Medications are kept in locked cabinets in nurses' suites and only store up to a 30 day supply. Parents should deliver medications to the school for young students and children cannot carry medications in school.

Policy 210.1: Possession/administration of asthma inhalers/epinephrine auto-injectors

Students in district schools can possess asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors and self-administer the medication. Staff are trained every year on administration of auto-injectors.

Policy 234: Pregnant/parenting and married students

Students are eligible to attend district schools and receive access to the educational program.

If the mental and or physical condition prevents student from attending regular classes, assignment to an alternate educational program may be considered.

A written statement from the student's physician that participation in extracurricular programs will not be injurious to her health nor jeopardize her pregnancy is required for participation in activities.

Further discussion on this policy will be scheduled to occur at next policy meeting as questions regarding FERPA, HIPPA and Title IX.

Naming Policy--Feedback on form (701.1-AR-0 Request to Name a Facility Form)

1. More information for requests for signage or recognition
2. More detailed information needed about reason for request
3. Option for denial process
4. Process for approval by district

Q/A: option for an "opt out" for health exam and dental exam being considered

Meeting adjourned