

NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

No. 203

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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203. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Authority

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Joint Operating Committee requires that guidance and orders from state and local health officials, established Joint Operating Committee policy and administrative regulations, and Joint Operating Committee-approved health and safety plans be followed by students, parents/guardians and center staff.

Guidelines

The Joint Operating Committee directs that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or are suspected of having a disease by the school nurse shall be excluded from school for the period indicated by regulations of the PA Department of Health or guidance from state or local health officials for specified diseases and infectious conditions.

Parents/Guardians shall be notified of this policy at the beginning of the school year, and that during the school year it may be necessary for a student to be excluded from school due to communicable disease. Parents/Guardians of a student needing to be excluded shall be notified and required to come to the center or have a designated emergency contact come to the center to transport the student home or to an appropriate place of care. Students may return to the center (school) when the criteria for readmission following a communicable disease, as set forth in law, regulations or guidance from state or local health officials, have been met.

The Joint Operating Committee directs center staff to request emergency contact information from parents/guardians of students at the beginning of each school year and request that it be updated as necessary during the school year.

The Administrative Director or designee shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority, as required by the PA Department of Health.

The Administrative Director or designee shall direct that health guidelines, Joint Operating Committee-approved health and safety plans, and universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases be implemented in the center.

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Prevention Education

Instruction regarding prevention of communicable and life-threatening diseases shall be provided by the center, in accordance with state regulations.

Parents/Guardians shall be informed of and be provided opportunities during school hours to review all curriculum materials used in instruction relative to communicable and life-threatening diseases, in accordance with Joint Operating Committee policy.

Health Records

A comprehensive health record shall be maintained for each student enrolled in the center, in coordination with the student's school district of residence. The record shall include the results of required tests, measurements, screenings, regular and special examinations, and medical questionnaires.

All health records shall be confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student or to a physician at the written request of the parent/guardian. The center may disclose information from health records to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency when necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals, in accordance with applicable law and Joint Operating Committee policy.

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Legal

1. 24 P.S. 1850.1
2. 28 PA Code 27.71
3. 28 PA Code 27.72
4. Pol. 204
5. Pol. 209
6. 28 PA Code 27.1
7. 28 PA Code 27.2
8. 28 PA Code 27.23
9. 22 PA Code 4.29
10. 22 PA Code 4.4
11. Pol. 105.1
12. 24 P.S. 1402
13. 24 P.S. 1409
14. 20 U.S.C. 1232g
15. 34 CFR Part 99
16. Pol. 113.3
17. Pol. 216

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18. Pol. 805

24 P.S. 1303a

22 PA Code 11.20

28 PA Code 23.81 et seq

Pol. 105.2

Pol. 201

Pol. 251