

SEVEN GENERATIONS CHARTER SCHOOL

SECTION: STUDENTS
 TITLE: 203 – IMMUNIZATIONS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
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Policy	<p>In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires that established policy and administrative regulations be followed by students, parents/guardians and school staff.</p>
Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Board of Trustees of Seven Generations Charter School (“Board”) authorizes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his/her designee to develop appropriate administrative procedures enforce this policy</p>
Guidelines	<p><u>Immunization</u></p> <p>All students shall be immunized against specific diseases in accordance with state law and regulations, unless specifically exempt for strong moral/ethical or medical reasons. A student who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulations shall not be admitted to or permitted to attend school, unless exempted for medical or strong moral or ethical reasons or provisionally admitted by the CEO or his/her designee.</p> <p>A certificate of immunization shall be maintained as part of the health record for each student, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p> <p>Students shall be permitted to attend school, providing they have received at least one (1) dose of each of the antigens prescribed and have had the completed dosages within eight (8) months after entrance has been approved. If after eight (8) months these provisionally admitted students still have not received all required doses, they will not be permitted to continue to attend school.</p> <p>A student shall be exempt from the immunization requirements whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization for strong moral or ethical grounds or whose physician certifies that the child's physical condition contraindicates immunization. Chiropractors’ certifications for medical exemptions are not acceptable.</p> <p>Monitoring of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the CEO or designee and the school nurse.</p> <p>The CEO or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are informed prior to a student’s admission to school of the requirements for immunization, the requisite</p>

proof of immunization, exemption available for strong moral/ethical or medical reasons, and means by which such exemptions may be claimed.

The CEO or designee shall report immunization data on the required form to the Department of Health by October 15 of each year.

Communicable Diseases

The Board authorizes 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 recommendations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health for certain specified diseases and infectious conditions.

The school nurse shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The CEO or designee shall direct that health guidelines and universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases be implemented in the school.

In the event of an outbreak, the administration reserves the right to exclude students who are not immunized or are not appropriately immunized in accordance with Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and/or Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. The recommendations of the DOH shall be followed in regard to any school closing due to outbreaks.

Instruction regarding prevention of communicable and life threatening diseases shall be provided by the school in the educational program for all levels, in accordance with state regulations.

Parents/guardians of all students shall be notified of confirmed cases of communicable diseases in a manner which does not violate the privacy of any individual student or families.

Health Records

The district shall require that prior to admission to school for the first time the parent/guardian shall complete a medical history report form which includes information regarding known communicable diseases. The nurse or school physician may use such reports to advise the parent/guardian of the need for further medical care.

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

The school nurse shall consult with the chief school physician regarding the presence of suspected communicable diseases. The administration shall be informed of any atypical occurrences of reportable communicable diseases.

References	<p>All health records shall be confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the child or at the request of the parent/guardian to a physician.</p> <p>As part of the health record, a certificate of immunization for each child enrolled shall be maintained, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p> <p>Requests for medical history information submitted in enrollment packets with required health and dental examinations shall be periodically reviewed and revised as necessary to include recent medical advice as to communicable diseases.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>Instruction regarding the prevention of communicable and life threatening diseases shall be provided by the school in the educational program for all levels in accordance with state regulations.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians shall be informed of and be provided opportunities during school hours to review curriculum materials used in instruction relative to communicable diseases (see policy 133)</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.20 School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1303a, 1402, 1409 State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.81 et seq., 27.2, 27.23, 27.71, 27.72 School Procedure Manual Immunization Regs., PA DOH May 2010, Pg. 7 School Policy – 133</p>
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